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DEATH OF FORMER POLICE OFFICER.

Joined Local Force in 1884.

RECORD OF GOOD SERVICE.

A popular member of the Hong Kong Police Force, who was on pension, having retired in June, 1911, passed away recently at home in the person of Inspector William Robertson, at his residence at William Street, Dundee, at the age of 70.

Inspector Robertson joined the local Police force on August 13, 1884, having been drafted from the Dundee Police force in June of the same year. After five years, he was promoted to the rank of Acting Sergeant, this being confirmed on July 1, 1889. His diligence at work and modest character soon won for him the popularity of his colleagues. On October 10, 1897, he was made a 3rd Class Inspector rising to the rank of full Inspector soon after.

Commended by Governor.

Inspector Robertson at the time of his retirement on pension, was in charge of the western district of Hong Kong, and before then had been in charge of Shaikwan for nearly 13 years. He was commended by H.E. the Governor (then Mr. Francis Henry May, C.M.G.) for good work which he did in connection with salvage work in the disastrous typhoon on September 18, 1906. Inspector Robertson was also in charge of a contingent of Chinese and Indian Police men who attended Queen Victoria's Jubilee celebrations.

He was a popular sportsman, a keen lawn bowls enthusiast, and liked by every one with whom he came in contact.

Deceased's Family.

Inspector Robertson was married, and had two daughters and four sons. His daughters are both married, one having wedded Sub-Inspector R. C. Watt, who retired from Hong Kong on pension in 1928. His eldest son is an engineer, whilst the third son is a doctor in Glasgow. The second son, by his first wife (who died here) died in Hong Kong, whilst a fourth son was killed at the Dardanelles during the War. Three of Inspector Robertson's nephews are at present in the Police force—Inspector A. R. Clarke, Inspector W. R. MacWalter, and Sub-Inspector J. R. MacWalter.

RESTRICTION PLAN.

BRITISH GROWERS INVITED TO CO-OPERATE.

FAVOURABLE REPLY.

Amsterdam, Yesterday.

A meeting of rubber growers to-day, representing a total of 50,000 tons of rubber produced in the Dutch Indies and 15,000 tons of Belgian, French and German rubber, decided to form a new association to promote the restriction of rubber production.

The Handelsblad has learned authoritatively that the British Rubber Growers' Association has circularised 130 British and Indian rubber growers, inviting them to co-operate in restriction.

Ninety-two growers representing a production of 46,000 tons of the total British Indian production of 65,000 tons, have replied favourably. Consequently the total rubber production which the new association hitherto represents will be 111,000 tons.—Reuter.

ROYAL TOUR ENDS.

SHORE BATTERIES FIRE

FAREWELL SALUTE.

BOUND FOR HOME.

London, Yesterday.

Reuter's correspondent aboard the steamer Arlanza states that the shore battery at Recife, Pernambuco, crashed a farewell salute and vessels in the harbour sounded their sirens as the vessel steamed out for Europe, taking the Prince of Wales and Prince George on the conclusion of their memorable tour of South America.—Reuter's American Service.

FOREIGN TRADE.

U.S. Banks to Back Manufacturers.

UNIQUE PLAN.

New York, Yesterday.

The plans are completed for an institution unique among American banks, to finance foreign trade. It is backed by the biggest manufacturers and exporters, and proposes, inter alia, to originate new varieties of Bankers' acceptances under the Charter of the Federal Reserve Board.—Reuter's American Service.

Loans to Powers.

Rugby, Yesterday.

It was stated in the House of Commons to-day that the Chancellor of the Exchequer was aware that the proposals for the formation of an international financial organisation to make loans to approved borrowers in various countries had recently been under discussion in connection with the Bank of International Settlement, but it was understood that they were for consideration of markets and did not call for any action of intervention on the part of the British Government.—British Wireless Service.

VOW OF SILENCE.

GANDHI PURSUED BY PRESSMEN.

VICEROY'S FAREWELL.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Lord Willingdon, who will succeed Lord Irwin as Viceroy of India, lands at Bombay to-morrow. He will be met by Lord Irwin, with whom he will have an opportunity of consultation before the latter sails for England the following day.

The great respect and admiration felt by the Indian community for Lord Irwin has been shown and during the last week or two he has received innumerable farewell addresses and been the guest of honour in which his services in India have been recognised. When to-day he received the Muslim address, he made a strong appeal to Hindus to allay fears of smaller communities.

He said: "It is certain that no political society can prosper or be at peace within itself unless the minorities are reasonably satisfied with their conditions. If I may offer a word of personal advice I would say that the only wise course for the majority of the community is to recognise frankly those questions and, whatever they may be, to adjust them and to be prepared to give to the minorities the reassurance they desire.—British Wireless Service.

Bombay, Yesterday.

On the conclusion of a two hours' interview with Lord Irwin here, Gandhi, pursued by Pressmen, hurried to his residence and took a vow of silence.

Lord Irwin, subsequently replying to a farewell address by the Millowners' Association, said he knew Gandhi was doing his best to implement the Delhi pact, but he was unable to conceal from himself that much remained to be done.—Reuter.

Bombay, Yesterday.

At a Congress between Gandhi and mill-owners from Bombay, Ahmedabad and Baroda, this morning, it was decided to appoint an executive committee to work out Gandhi's scheme for re-exportation of foreign cloth.—Reuter.

KING RECOVERS.

LEAVES APARTMENT FOR A SHORT TIME.

HEALTH REGAINED.

London, Yesterday.

For the first time since Good Friday His Majesty left his Windsor apartments for a short time, but did not go outside the castle.—Reuter.

Earlier Report.

London, Yesterday.

It was announced from Windsor Castle to-day that H.M. the King is progressing satisfactorily. No further official statements will be issued.—Reuter.

FATAL ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE.

Prisoner Leaps from Roof of Victoria Jail.

INQUEST TO BE HELD.

A life-term prisoner in Victoria Gaol, named Cho Wai, made an unsuccessful attempt to escape from captivity at 9.40 o'clock last night.

From information gathered this morning, we learned that the prisoner was confined in a cell on the top floor of the jail. By means of an improvised rope, he managed to climb on to the roof, and was descending, when he fell from a considerable height and was killed. The incident happened within the prison walls.

An enquiry will be held in the Central Police Court at 3.30 p.m. to-day, with Mr. Williams sitting as Coroner.

AN INFECTION OF THEFTS.

Kowloon Club Bar Boy Sent to Prison.

EMBEZZLED \$140.

"There seems to be an infection for this sort of thing around that pavilion," remarked Mr. E. W. Hamilton in the Kowloon Police Court this morning, when he convicted Lung Hong, a Chinese, who stole four iron bars, the property of Tang Ming, gardener, from the K.B.S.F.P.A. Pavilion at King's Park. Three months' imprisonment was imposed.

His Worship imposed a similar sentence on Lui Yui-wo, a bar boy employed by the K.B.S.F.P.A., at the same pavilion for embezzling \$140, received by him in the name of the Club.

Mr. T. Whitley said that the man had been employed there about six months and was paid \$22 per month for his services.

The accused pleaded "guilty" and said that he converted the money to his own use owing to family difficulties.

In sentencing him to three months' hard labour, His Worship said that it was a very bad case.

It was only on April 1 that a returned banished was convicted of stealing nine silver spoons from this unfortunate Club.

CONFIDENCE TRICK.

ROLLS OF SILK STOLEN FROM HAWKER.

BACK DOOR EXIT.

Fan Ting-yun, a licensed hawker, was the victim of a "confidence trick" yesterday.

In his report to the Police, the hawker stated that he was walking along Caine Road carrying six rolls of Shantung silk, when a man who was standing outside the house, 161, beckoned to him. The hawker went over to him, and the customer asked for three rolls of the silk as he wanted to show them to his wife. The hawker obliged, and the man disappeared.

After waiting for sometime, the vendor searched for his customer, and on reaching the passage found that there was a back door which led to a lane.

The stolen silk is valued at \$85.

EUROPEAN FINED.

FAILED TO OBEY TRAFFIC SIGNAL.

Mr. C. E. Holmes was this morning summoned before Mr. W. Schofield in the Central Magistracy with having disobeyed a traffic signal given by a Police officer in uniform at the junction of Garden Road and Queen's Road Central. Defendant pleaded guilty.

Traffic-Inspector C. F. Alexander said that a tramcar was proceeding in a westerly direction, when defendant, who was driving a car in the opposite direction, suddenly cut across in front of the tramcar to turn into Garden Road. The driver of the tram had to apply his brakes suddenly to avoid a smash.

Mr. Holmes pleaded that he noticed the signal when it was too late.

A fine of \$10 was imposed.

TORY VOTE LOST.

NO SUPPORT FOR CENSURE.

UNEMPLOYMENT.

LABOUR SAVED BY LIBERALS.

London, Yesterday.

The House of Commons was crowded and excited this afternoon when Mr. Stanley Baldwin moved a Conservative vote of censure on the Government for failing to fulfil its election pledges in regard to unemployment, which may decide the fate of the Government. The public galleries were packed, many Peers being present.

Mr. Baldwin's attack on the Government was unusually vigorous. He asserted that the Government had not only lost the confidence of the country, but had lost confidence in itself.

Mr. Tom Johnston, the new Lord Privy Seal, the Chief Government spokesman, dwelt on the steps taken by the Government to combat unemployment, and blamed the Lords for "assassinating" the Government.

STILL RAINING.

The Royal Observatory's weather report states—

Depressions lie over N.E. Japan and Tongking.

An anti-cyclone has formed over N.E. China.

Forecast—South or variable winds, moderate; overcast; occasional rain.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day—0.13 inch. Rainfall since January 1—7.39 inches against an average of 8.79 inches—deficit 1.20 inch.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	80
Macao	76
Pratas Island	79
Manila	79
Poochow	64
Amoy	75
Chefoo	40
Shanghai	50

ment's Education Bill. He emphasised that the inability of the Dominions to take further emigrants had increased the difficulties of unemployment, in connection with which he pointed out that the trouble lay especially in the export trades, where only international action could provide a remedy.

Mr. Johnston dwelt on the success of the British Empire Exhibition in Buenos Aires in promoting sales of agricultural and other machinery and motor cars.

Labourites cheered Mr. Johnston's speech, after which the Liberals walked out bodily and discussed the speech. The result of the meeting showed 28 Liberals against supporting the vote of censure. Seven favoured supporting it and eight favoured abstention. This should ensure a Government majority to-night.

Appeal to Country.

Mr. Fenner Brockway and Mr. Lloyd George announced that the Independent Labour Party group and the Lloyd George Liberals respectively would vote against the motion. Mr. MacDonald indicated that if the motion were passed the Government would appeal to the country.

Motion Lost.

The House of Commons defeated the Conservative motion of censure regarding unemployment.

The voting was as follows:—

For	251
Against	305

Majority 54 |

—Reuter.

DULL EMPIRE TEA MARKET.

Foreign Imports More Than Doubled?

MEMBER'S ASSERTION.

London, Yesterday.

On the ground that since 1919 imports of foreign tea have more than doubled, while imports of Empire tea are practically stationary, Mr. Alfred Knox, in the House of Commons to-day, asked if the Chancellor of the Exchequer would consider an import duty on the former.

Mr. Pethick Lawrence, replying, declined to anticipate the Budget, but said that Mr. Knox's facts were incorrect.—Reuter.

TEMPTATION PUT IN HIS WAY?

"It May Have Been Wrong of Me."

MISAPPROPRIATION CASE.

To-day Wong Siu-ling, No. 2 messenger employed in the Attorney-General's office, was brought before Mr. E. H. Williams, in the Second Police Court, charged with the misappropriation of 72 cents, the property of the Yee Woo firm of washermen. He pleaded guilty, but added that he thought he had a right to the money paid to the washermen.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, (Assistant Attorney-General), appeared to prosecute for the Crown, and it was alleged that Mrs. C. E. Sayers handed \$1.20 to the accused to pay over to the Yee Woo washermen for washing a number of towels. Instead of doing so, he paid over 48 cents to the washermen and kept 72 cents. Mr. Fitzroy intimated that this had been going on for many years.

Case Not Pressed.

Replying to his Worship, Mr. Fitzroy said that he was not pressing the case in any way, and it was the first time that accused had been brought before the Court. He had been in his office and he (Mr. Fitzroy) had entrusted him two and three times a day to handle money. "It may have been wrong of me," said Mr. Fitzroy, "to put temptation in his way."

The Attorney-General (the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C.) saw no objection to prisoner having the option of a fine.

Accused, in answer to the Magistrate, said that he had been in the Government service for nearly ten years.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$40 with the alternative of one month's hard labour.

DON UNBEATEN.

GAR WOOD FAILS TO BEAT RECORD.

ENGINE TROUBLE.

Miami, Yesterday.

The American racing motorist, Commodore Gar Wood, made six successful attempts to-day to beat Kaye Don's motor boat record, but failed by nearly a mile. He had engine trouble.—Reuter's American Service.

Fresh Attempt.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Sir Malcolm Campbell will drive his new seven horse-power Austin car of novel design in a fresh attempt on the record this year. He created the small car record with a baby Austin at 92 miles an hour after capturing the world's land speed record in his high power engine Bluebell car at Daytona.—British Wireless Service.

LIVESTOCK BY AIR.

NEW PLAN TO FACILITATE TRANSPORT.

SPECIAL NIGHT SERVICE.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Urgent freight, including livestock, will be carried on the new evening air parcels services being started by the Imperial Airways between London and Paris on May 1.—British Wireless Service.

ALFONSO KEEPS HIS HAT ON.

Rough Handling by a Kindly Crowd.

MAD MONARCHISTS.

Paris, Yesterday.

Ex-King Alfonso, looking haggard, stepped out of the train at the Gare de Lyons at 11.10 p.m. into a maelstrom of shrieking Spanish and French monarchists. He sportingly faced the serious risk of injury as he was carried, twisted, twirled and finally pushed into his motor car. Probably the only man among the huge crowd who successfully kept his head, certainly he was one of the few who kept his hat.

Madrid, Yesterday.

One of the first acts of the new Government has been to publish a decree cancelling the institution of Summer time in Spanish territory.—Reuter.

Earlier News.

Marsilles, Yesterday.

The cruiser Principe Alfonso slipped unobtrusively into harbour at dawn. The King, dressed in a brown overcoat and dark grey suit, and looking like any ordinary traveller, landed at 6 o'clock in the morning, accompanied by the Duke of Miranda and his cousin, the Infante Alfonso of Bourbon.

The party hailed a taxi and drove through the deserted streets to a fashionable hotel. Alfonso did not look unduly tired after his ordeal, but went straight to his room where he breakfasted. "Leave me alone please," was all Alfonso would say to a journalist who followed him to the hotel, and the King pushed his would-be interviewer aside with a gentle gesture.

Alfonso is leaving for Paris, at noon.

The People to Decide.

"Make it quite clear that his Majesty has not abdicated," said the Duke of Miranda, Alfonso's major domo, when interviewed by Reuter. Alfonso, who declined to see interviewers, instructed the Duke of Miranda to make a statement on his behalf.

The Duke declared that the King fully retained all his Royal prerogatives. His sole object in leaving Spain was to avoid civil war. The King would allow the people to pronounce their desires definitely at the general elections in June, and bow to the decision of the people.

Alfonso plans to join his family in Paris, where they will stay some time. After that the Royal family may go to London, but nothing has been definitely decided.

A Cryptic Utterance.

"Believe me, it needed more courage to do what I have done than to lead a cavalry charge," was the striking declaration of Alfonso, talking to members of his entourage, before entraining for Paris. He added, cryptically, "After the general elections, we shall see."

Queen Reaches Paris.

Paris, Yesterday.

The Queen of Spain and her family arrived at Paris at 9 o'clock this morning.

A Great Welcome.

Tremendous crowds assembled outside the station to witness the arrival of Queen Ena. President Doumergue's representatives, the Papal Nuncio, and the Spanish Ambassadors to Paris and Brussels greeted her Majesty on a red-carpeted platform.

The Queen, who was calm and self-possessed, was presented with red and yellow bouquets (the monarchists' colours). Her daughters were nervous and tearful. There was a touching scene when porters lifted the invalid Prince of Asturias from the carriage. Cries of "Vive la Reine!" greeted the party on their entering their motor-cars, which were hardly able to move in the dense crowd.

Twenty-eight rooms have been reserved in an hotel in Rue Rivoli for the Royalties and their suite, numbering thirty-three persons altogether.

Queen Interviewed.

Bordeaux, Yesterday.

A Queen's tears have deeply moved republican France. Her Majesty of Spain was acclaimed at every stopping place. After leaving the frontier, the Royal saloon was heaped with floral offerings.

Even in Spain there were affectionate greetings at many towns.—Reuter.

WORLD SEIZED BY ECONOMIC FEAR.

Remarkable Statement in German Meeting.

TO BUILD MORE LINERS.

Berlin, Yesterday.

The intention of the Companies to build four 10,000-ton combined passenger and cargo steamers, "as a necessary counter-measure against the economic pessimists," was announced at a combined general meeting of the Hamburg America and North German Lloyd Companies.

It was pointed out that it is essential to fight "in a united spirit against the feeling of fear which has seized the world."

The Chairman of the North German Lloyd said that while there was still no indication of a tendency towards improvement, he believed that the lowest point in the crisis had been reached.—Reuter.

A group of friends bidding farewell at San Sebastian broke down on seeing the Queen with tear-stained face and hair noticeably whiter.

Talking to a French journalist at Hendaye, Queen Ena said she was unaware of the whereabouts of the King. "All I know is that the ship transporting him has disappeared from sight of land. Oh! What terrible hours."

The interviewer expressed the opinion that abdication was preferable to bloodshed. The weary Queen was suddenly galvanised, and exclaimed, "Abdicate! He has gone; that is all." The Queen said the revolution was most unexpected, and it seemed as if a wave of Communism had frenzied the people. "If we remained in Madrid I do not know what would have happened even to our lives." The Queen paused, and added, "The army at least was partly for the King, but he did not wish to appeal to it."

Belgian Queen's Visit.

Brussels, Yesterday.

The Queen of the Belgians has left for Paris to visit Queen Ena of Spain.

Seville, Yesterday.

Martial law has been declared here as the result of Communist disturbances.

The Communists demonstrated at the barracks, demanding arms with which to fight the Civil Guards, whom they regard as monarchial mercenaries. Shots were exchanged between troops and the demonstrators, and one Communist was killed.

Troops have had to be called out at Bilbao to prevent trouble.

Quiet is reported elsewhere.

Malaga Mob Out of Hand.

In Madrid the excitement has subsided and the population has resumed normal life.

A mob at Malaga set fire to the offices of the Mercantile Union, and punctured the hoses of firemen fighting the flames. The buildings were gutted.

The warehouse and offices of another local firm were burned down.

Rioting at Barcelona.

Barcelona, Yesterday.

There was much rioting all night long here, but the city is now quiet.

Military planes this morning flew over the city, showing the Republican flag, which has also been hoisted by a portion of the fleet in the harbour.

National Holiday.

Madrid, Yesterday.

A national holiday is being celebrated all over the country. In Madrid and elsewhere, the outgoing and the incoming Governments apparently co-operated to prevent any outbreaks, and General Sanjurjo has placed himself at the disposal of the Provisional Government for the maintenance of order.

There was an ugly suspicion for a moment, which dangerously replaced the goodwill with which the celebrating crowds had previously regarded the famous Civil Guards.



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KITANO MARU	Saturday, 23rd May.
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YAMAGATA MARU	Thursday, 30th April.
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LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stambul (Constantinople), Genoa.	
TOYOOKA MARU	Friday, 15th May.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
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	Shunko Maru	Mon.	4th May
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MELBOURNE via Manila Brisbane & Sydney.	Melbourne Maru	Wed.	6th May
CALCUTTA via Singapore Belawan Deli & Rangoon.	Himalaya Maru	Sun.	19th Apr.
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NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama.	Kwanto Maru	Wed.	22nd Apr.
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HELM ORDERS.

JUDGE'S VIEW OF PROPOSED CHANGE.

Lord Atkin, Lord of Appeal, speaking in Liverpool at the annual meeting of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild, dealt with the proposed change in helm orders. What in the world, he asked, had a change in British helm orders to do with safety of life at sea? How could anyone suggest that life had ever been imperilled at sea by reason of the way in which British mariners gave their helm orders? A great and experienced Judge, Mr. Justice Hill, who had just resigned, had stated that he had 800 cases and never met with one where an accident had arisen out of some mistake made in a British vessel arising out of a mistake in helm orders because they were indirect rather than direct; and Lord Merivale, President of the Admiralty Court, who had much experience in these matters, said exactly the same thing recently in the House of Lords. No one, so far as he knew, had produced a case, and there did not appear to be a case, for the change. The case quoted recently in the House of Lords of the danger of English helm orders was one of a German ship which had a Belgian pilot. If the change were made a vast number of people who went to sea said that for a period there would be serious danger to life, and if that were so it should finally dispose of the proposal.

PENSIONS DEFICIT.

Expenditure Increased By
£2,500,000.

There was a big increase in widows' orphans' and old-age contributory pensions during the year ended March 31 last, partly due to additional claimants becoming entitled to pension as from January 2, 1930.

The result was, states the Comptroller and Auditor-General in his report on the Pensions Account, that during the year expenditure on pensions amounted to £25,348,241, as compared with £22,804,453 in the preceding year.

In addition, the cost of administration amounted to £1,096,373 making a total expenditure of £26,444,614. The income from insurance contributions was £24,076,487, leaving a deficiency of £2,368,125, which was met by transfers from the Treasury Pensions Account.

The investments held by the National Debt Commissioners on behalf of the Treasury Pensions Account as at March 31, 1930, represented cash to the amount of £46,119,876, as compared with £42,791,415 in the preceding year.

The death has occurred at Hull of Captain A. J. McAusland (70), marine surveyor of the firm of McAusland and Turner.

SINKING OF THE S.S. LIMCHOW.

Brave Conduct of Ship's Officers. REMAIN ON BOARD.

A little after noon yesterday the S.S. Limchow, owned by Messrs. Pannier & Co. of Haiphong, received a telegram from Captain Morganti, master of the vessel, stating that the ship, which had grounded off Pochim Pagoda in the Hainan Straits following a collision with the S.S. Canton, had sunk.

The telegram from the Captain was despatched from Haiphong where he, together with the four European officers and crew of 80, proceeded after seeing their ship go under. They had bravely remained on board until practically the last moment and only abandoned ship when it became apparent that it was no longer safe to stay on board. They then transferred to the French S.S. Hanoi which, when passing, had noticed that the Limchow showed signs of breaking up and had stood by.

Provisional.
Soon after the transfer to the Hanoi the Limchow went down. At that time the local salvage tug Henry Keswick, which had left here at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, had not yet reached the scene and would not be due there until this morning, so that it was providential that the Hanoi came at the critical moment.

The Limchow was the second ship owned by Messrs. Pannier & Co. to founder within a month of each other. The other ill-fated vessel was the S.S. Changkiang, which sank last month whilst on a voyage from Hong Kong to Shanghai. In her case some lives were lost, whilst in that of the Limchow every one on board was saved, the passengers having been taken off immediately after the mishap by the steamers Canton and Kiangsu. Both the Limchow and the Changkiang were insured with the American Asiatic Underwriters.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Wednesday, April 15.	
Bellingham, American str., 3,729 tons, Capt. W. B. Brust, from Manila, buoy No. A12.—States & Co.	
Havre Maru, Japanese str., 3,450 tons, Capt. T. Inoue, from Moji, buoy No. A6.—O.S.K.	
Kueichow, British str., 1,222 tons, Capt. D. Williams, from Chefoo, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.	
Tsinan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. W. Shaw, from Canton, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.	
Vogland, German str., 4,200 tons, Capt. H. Christiansen, from Singapore, buoy No. A16.—Jensen & Co.	
Wing Lee, Portuguese str., 641 tons, Capt. J. Antunes, from Macao, buoy No. B18.—Wo Hop & Co.	
Thursday, April 16.	
Borneo, British str., 1,297 tons, Capt. R. A. Pritchard, from Saigon, buoy No. B19.—Wo Fat Sing.	
Burdwan, British str., 2,911 tons, Capt. T. E. Daniel, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—M. & Co.	
Cheongshing, British str., 1,255 tons, Capt. D. G. Burleigh, from Canton, buoy No. B1.—J. M. & Co.	
Hero, Norwegian str., 823 tons, Capt. Nielson, from Bangkok, buoy No. B1.—Yuen Cheong Sing.	
Hong Feng, British str., 2,525 tons, Capt. H. G. Hay, from Singapore, buoy No. A14.—Ho Thong & Co.	
Kanachow, British str., 1,222 tons, Capt. R. H. Fairley, from Canton, buoy No. A14.—B. & S.	
Liangchow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. J. Taylor, from Tientsin, buoy No. B8.—B. & S.	
Nitto Maru, Japanese str., 1,278 tons, Capt. E. Yamamoto, from Canton, Talkoo Dock.—O.S.K.	
Sancho Maru, Japanese str., 694 tons, Capt. M. Tsuge, from Keelung, Yaumatei Anchorage.—M.B.K.	
Soochow, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. W. T. Hodge, from Swatow, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.	
Tyndareus, British str., 7,171 tons, Capt. W. Machue, from Osaka, buoy No. A2.—B. & S.	

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WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—

Bruce—North wall.	
Hermes—West wall.	
Marazion—South wall.	
Medway—North arm.	
Odin—East wall.	
Osiris—East wall.	
Oswald—East wall.	
Otus—East wall.	
Poseidon—East wall.	
Sandwich—In dock.	
Sepoy—No. 5 buoy.	
Seraph—No. 12 buoy.	
Serapis—No. 13 buoy.	
Sirdar—No. 4 buoy.	
Somme—South wall.	
Sterling—No. 8 buoy.	
Thracian—No. 7 buoy.	
Tamar—Basin.	
Foreign Men-of-War.	
Barker—American gunboat.	
Borlie—American gunboat.	
Helena—American gunboat.	
Tracy—American gunboat.	

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS

FRIDAY, APRIL 17.	
Calcutta and Straits	Kum Sang
Amoy	Talma
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., March 28)	Empress of Canada
SATURDAY, APRIL 18.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, March 20)	President Adams
SUNDAY, APRIL 19.	
Dairen and Amoy	Tjisalak
MONDAY, APRIL 20.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, March 24)	Taiyo Maru
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, March 27)	President Grant
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22.	
Amoy and Swatow	Van Heutz
Java and Manila	Tjisroea
FRIDAY, APRIL 24.	
Japan	Kamo Maru

OUTWARD MAILS

FRIDAY, APRIL 17.	
Samshai & Wuchow	Kong So 4 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Hakozaki Maru (Due Marseilles, May 16.)
K.P.O.	G.P.O.
Registration Apr. 17, 4.30 p.m.	Registration Apr. 17, 5 p.m.
Letters	Letters
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Haruna Maru 5 p.m.
Formosa	Nitto Maru 5 p.m.
Amoy	Kum Sang 5 p.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 18.	
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via Victoria, B.C.	President Jefferson (Due Victoria, B.C., May 5 and Europe via Siberia.)
Registration Apr. 18, 4.30 p.m.	Registration Apr. 18, 4.15 p.m.
Letters	Letters
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Haruna Maru 5 p.m.
Formosa	Nitto Maru 5 p.m.
Amoy	Kum Sang 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, APRIL 19.	
Manila	Pilana 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden and Egypt	Hozan Maru 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kalgan 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Telrasas 2.30 p.m.
Straits	Antung 2.30 p.m.
Swatow & Amoy	Hydrangea 3 p.m.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 1st May, 1931, or they will not be recognised.

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No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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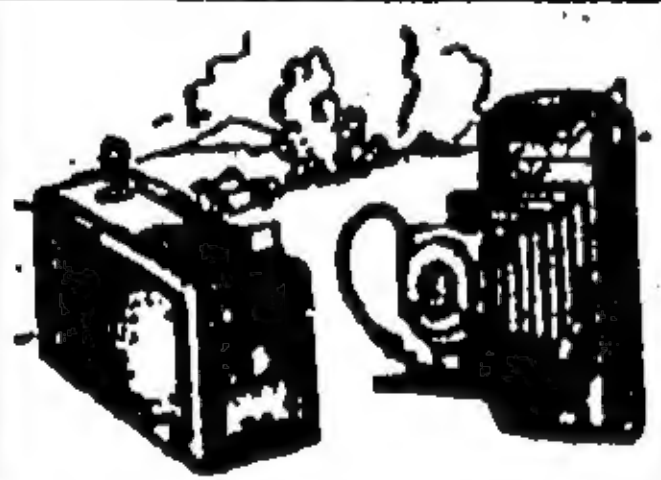


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RAILWAY MUDDLE

The news that a form of settle-
ment has been reached between
Russia and China over the prob-
lem of the joint-ownership of
the Chinese Eastern Railway,
together with an earlier report
that money from the Boxer In-
demnity Fund would be used to
purchase \$4,000,000 worth of
railway material from Great Brit-
ain, raise once again the compli-
cated problem of the railway sys-
tem of China and its manage-
ment. It will be recalled that the
British management of the pion-
eer Peking-Mukden Railway in
North China was the result of the
enterprise of British mining en-
gineers, who opened up the coal-
field of Tangshan to supply the
Chinese Navy in 1831. That
was the beginning of the railway
system, the start of the seven-
teen years' fight with the ob-
stinacy and inertia of Imperial
China. We were alone in that
fight. Then in 1898 Europe
awoke to China's possibilities. In
the "Battle of the Concessions"
the Yangtze Valley was our
natural front. We took our share
in railway rights and woefully
mishandled them. In fact, the
whole of our policy in regard to
this question has been most
apathetic, and its character is
best described as laissez faire.

The following summary of all
railway interests, which is given
by Mr. H. Stringer, B.A.,
A.M.I.C.E., (formerly of the
Chinese Railway Service) will in-
dicate to some extent whether
China's trade possibilities are
worth the reversal of a policy
whose futility has been proved

repeatedly in our dealings with
Eastern nations. The present
systems are: Peking to Mukden,
a length of 607 miles, for which
a loan of £2,300,000 was granted;
Shanghai to Nanking, 203 miles,
a loan of £2,900,000; Tientsin to
Pukow, 237 miles, a loan of
£2,960,000; Canton to Kowloon,
89 miles, a loan of £1,500,000;
Shanghai to Ningpo, 178 miles,
a loan of £1,500,000; and Tao-
kow to Chinghua, 95 miles, a
loan of £1,500,000.

We thus, to a certain limited
extent, control 1,409 miles of
railway, in which we have in-
vested £12,660,000. With the
exception of the Peking-Mukden
Railway, interest is overdue on
all these loans. Elsewhere in the
world our trade has followed our
money, but in China this is par-
tly contingent on Government in-
terest in the railways, which has
been conspicuous by its absence.
It is, however, now a matter of
more than academic interest that
these railways must purchase
abroad, for their maintenance
needs alone, to the extent of at
least \$500,000 annually. The
War and civil disturbances neces-
sitated the slackening of what
hold we had on this market, and
British policy is doing its best to
continue the process. Quite soon
there will be no railways to main-
tain. It will be a case of rehabili-
tation involving large capital ex-
penditure. Years will be requir-
ed to recover our interests from
their present derelict condition,
and forcible methods must be ap-
plied unless China can purchase
outright.

In addition to the above, we
have an interest of unknown
amount in the Anglo-French loan
of \$5,000,000, which redeemed
the Belgian loan to the Peking-
Hankow Railway, and we are still
largely interested in the Japan-
ese South Manchurian Railway,
where we advanced money
which was spent almost entirely
in America; money which in-
directly stifled the latter devel-
opment of our Peking-Mukden
line — as a doubtful unforeseen
consequence.

Turning to the railways under
construction, British and other
capital is involved to the extent
of \$6,000,000 in the Four-Power
loan for the Canton-Hankow line
of 430 miles. This is part of the
Hukuang Railway scheme, in
which we should, if the Consor-
tium Loan fails, recover at least
a third of the Hankow-Szechuen
Railway, unless — a most unlik-
ely contingency — we choose to
surrender this to Japan as sole
undisputed heir to all the German
heritage in China. In addition,
the British section of the Canton-

Kowloon Railway, twenty-two
miles long, is British property, in
which we have invested £1,500,-
000. It can be seen that our rail-
way concern in China is very con-
siderable.

To summarise the railway as-
pect of China's world trade—the
adequate maintenance needs of
the existing lines should require
the expenditure abroad of £3,000,-
000 annually. Then, as regards
the future, every mile of new
railway put down involves im-
portation of materials to the ex-
tent of some £4,000. China ur-
gently needs 10,000 miles of
trunk lines. China would build
them given the conditions of
stable government. Railways
are the one Western innovation
which modern China may be
said thoroughly to appreciate.

News in Brief.

Normal working of cablegrams
with Shanghai and beyond has
been re-established.

The lowest open air temperature
yesterday was 78 degrees. The
humidity was 85 at 10 a.m. and 83
at 4 p.m.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this
morning, Chan Lok, a Chinese boy,
was ordered to receive 12 strokes
for snatching a cigarette case from
Chu Sui in Saigon Street.

"The pen may be mightier than
the sword, but it definitely isn't
mightier than the truncheon," said
Mr. E. W. Hamilton in the Kowloon
Police Court this morning, when he
imposed a fine of \$2 on a Chinese
letter writer, who pleaded "guilty"
to obstruction.

That she wanted it for her foks
was the excuse proffered by Lung
Sze, at the Kowloon Magistracy
this morning, when she was charged
with having unlawful possession of
three pounds of tobacco on board
her junk in the Yau-mai Typhoon
Shelter. A fine of \$30 was im-
posed.

Chan Kow, convicted on five oc-
casions between 1923 and 1929,
was charged before two Magis-
trates (Mr. W. Schofield and Mr.
E. H. Williams) in the Central
Police Court, yesterday, with
stealing a purse from a pedestrian
in Queen's Road East. He was
further alleged to have at-
tempted to use a knife on a
District Watchman who ar-
rested him on April 3. The Magis-
trates held that there was not suf-
ficient evidence to support the
second charge. They passed sen-
tence of nine months' hard labour
on the first charge.

**DUTCH TRAWLERS IN MORAY
FIRTH.**

The British Minister at The
Hague is making representations
to the Netherlands Government
regarding fishing by Dutch traw-
lers in the Moray Firth.

Several encounters have oc-
curred there lately between
Scottish fishermen and Dutch
trawlers which have crossed the
North Sea and invaded the cod
grounds within the area of the
Firth, which is claimed as being
under the sovereignty and juris-
diction of the British Crown. On
several recent occasions the in-
coming Dutch vessels have foul-
ed the nets of the Scottish traw-
lers, and have refused to change
course when signalled to. Nets
have been carried away and fish-
ing gear lost.

THE P. & O. ADOPT TOURISTS.

The P. & O. Company an-
nounces its decision to convert the
steamers Mongolia and Moldavia
for the carriage of one class of
passengers only, with a view to
conducting a monthly "tourist
class" service with these vessels
in conjunction with the new
steamers Strathnaver and
Strathaird, which latter vessels
will, however, carry first saloon
and tourist class passengers.
The Mongolia will thus be con-
verted before she sails on April
17 for Australia and the Molda-
via on her next return to London.
It is stated that the conversion
is due to recognition by Lord
Inchcape of the need to meet the
demand for comfortable travel
at economical rates. The accom-
modation is to be of the highest
standard and, it is added, "should
prove exceedingly popular with
the Australian travelling public."

Catholic Church. He calls upon
the Germans to keep cool and to
turn a deaf ear to "the disrupt-
ers of the Fatherland."

"Work and more work is the
only cure that will lift Germany
from the economic and moral de-
gradation in which enemies on the
inside plunged her in 1918."

**DON'T PREPARE FOR
WAR.**

Ludendorff Warns His
Countrymen.

A PAMPHLET.

If there are any men left in
Germany who hanker for a war
or revenge with France, they
ought to be completely cooled off
after reading General Ludendorff's
new pamphlet, "World War
Threatens."

The man who was at one time
considered the brains of the
Kaiser's legions has suddenly
turned pacifist for the simple and
good reason that he has become
convinced he says, that war is
never a paying proposition, and
least of all for Germany at this
time.

Ludendorff, the master strate-
gist, shows in his warning pamph-
let to the German nation that he
has lost nothing of his old strate-
gical vision and he gives a graphic
picture of what a new war would
mean. A member of the French
General Staff, General Buat, who
is also the author of biographies
of both Hindenburg and Luden-
dorff, writes that Ludendorff's
sketch of the probable course of
another European conflict is "a
fascinating recital based upon a
perfect military comprehension of
the present world situation."

The Kaiser's ex-Quartermaster
General tells his countrymen that
a new war will be fought out on
German territory. Berlin, Ham-
burg, Munich and other greater
German centres of population will
be razed to the ground. "Our sol-
diers would be hopelessly out-
classed at the front and the in-
terior of the Fatherland would see
civil war and revolts from one end
to the other."

Berlin in Chaos.
Ludendorff's picture of Berlin
in this eventuality is one of ab-
ject misery. "Berlin," he writes,
"would be caught between the
French and the Czechoslovak
armies. Even if the objective of
those armies should not be the
capture of our capital, they could
without trouble shut off Berlin's
food supply."

"In this case the capital would
be a howling chaos of anarchy
within a week. All that the Ger-
man people have built and achieved
the last quarter century would
be destroyed in one blow."

The General's diatribe is ob-
viously directed against his former
companions in the Hitler organisa-
tions, who are pleased to vaunt
the new strength of Germany's
defences. "Let us not be deluded,"
writes Ludendorff, "within five
weeks after declaration of war,
the French would have overrun
the whole south of Germany and
linked up forces with the Czechs
and Poles. Germany would simply
be squeezed to death in this for-
midable vise."

No Match.
For the sake of argument and
to illustrate his warning, Ger-
many's former military leader sup-
poses two opposing systems of al-
liances in Europe. On the one
side he places France, Belgium,
Poland, Czechoslovakia, Roumania
and Yugoslavia, and on the other
side he places Britain, Germany,
Russia, Italy, Austria, Hungary
and Turkey. He then examines in
detail the man power and techni-
cal equipment of the combatant
nations and demonstrates conclu-
sively with figures and facts that
the Germanic side is no match
against its opponents.

The new chain of forts now be-
ing forged around France and Bel-
gium precludes any possibility of
a German attack on France. "We
could not break that girdle if we
were a hundred times stronger
than we are now," he writes.

The only advantage that the
forces leagued with Germany could
gain would be by aerial attacks.
But this gain would be only tem-
porary. Retaliation for air at-
tacks on Paris, Lyons or any other
French city would be promptly re-
venged in a most terrible manner.
Ludendorff gives a graphic de-
scription of what an aerial bom-
bardment with high explosives and
gas on a great city like Berlin
would be like.

The Reason.
With a touch of rancour the ex-
war lord examines the forces of
Italy, their strength and morale.
He slams the lid on all further
Hitlerite talk of an alliance with
Mussolini with a devastating cri-
ticism of the Italian army as con-
stituted at present. He shows
that tactically the Italian army,
in case of war, would not have
room to operate or retreat.

Why General Ludendorff wrote
his sensational pamphlet becomes
clear when he warns his readers
in the end that "powerful secret
forces are at work in Germany to
create a sentiment for a war of
revenge."

These forces he specifies as:
Free Masonry, Judaism and the
(Continued at foot of preceding
column.)

**INFERENCE NOT
EVIDENCE.**

Wife Gets Divorce on
An Appeal.

"HOTEL CASES."

A case of importance in con-
nection with what have become known
as "hotel divorces" came before
the Master of the Rolls and Lords
Justices Lawrence and Romer in
the Court of Appeal, London.

Mrs. Lillian Woolf (nee Israel),
of Woburn Mansions, Francis
Street, W., appealed against a
judgment of Lord Merrivale, pre-
sident of the Divorce Court dis-
missing her petition for divorce on
the ground of her husband's ad-
ultery with an unknown woman at a
Bognor Regis hotel in July 1929.

After differences had arisen be-
tween Mr. and Mrs. Woolf, he wrote
to his wife in July 1929 enclosing
an hotel bill as "grounds of
divorce." Mr. Justice Hill in
March 1930, adjourned the wife's
petition with a view to discovering
the woman, but the husband still
refused to divulge her name.

No Evidence.
Eventually the case came before
Lord Merrivale, who held that, al-
though Mr. Woolf, a respectable
tradesman, had occupied an hotel
bedroom with a woman, there was
no evidence that he was likely to
be guilty of promiscuous adultery.
He dismissed the petition.

Mr. Rayner Goddard said that
Lord Merrivale refused to infer
adultery on evidence considerably
stronger than had been habitually
received in the Divorce Division
and the Ecclesiastical Courts for
the last 100 years.

There was not the smallest sug-
gestion of collusion in the case,
but there was a practice now of
requiring stringent inquiries to be
made as to the name of the woman
with whom adultery had been com-
mitted.

"This case has been brought,"
said Mr. Goddard, "as it is of con-
siderable interest to the public
and to the profession who have to
advise on these matters to know
how far the requirements of the
court are justified." He added
that Lord Merrivale had regarded
the petition as that of a guilty
husband rather than that of an in-
nocent wife.

Decree in 14 Days.
The Master of the Rolls, giving
judgment, said that serious and
constant efforts must always be
made to prevent collusion. Parties
to a suit must not be allowed to
obtain divorce by devices which
prevented a true knowledge of the
facts.

"If we were merely dealing with
a question of discretion by Lord
Merrivale, who has an unrivalled
experience in dealing with these
cases, we should hesitate before
altering his decision; but the case
does not appear to depend upon
the mere matter of discretion. It
appears that the president has
super-added something to the law.
In accordance with practice and
the numerous cases hitherto, the
court ought to be satisfied that
adultery had been committed.
There must be a decree nisi."

Lords Justices Lawrence and
Romer concurred, and the appeal
was allowed and Mrs. Woolf grant-
ed a decree "nisi," with costs.

Mr. Rayner Goddard asked that
in view of the lapse of time since
the petition was first heard the
decree should be made absolute
within 14 days, and the court ac-
ceded to the request.

MUKDEN TROUBLE.

**OFFICIALS AND PROFESSORS TO
BE ARRESTED.**

Mukden, Yesterday.
Serious disturbances occurred at
Mukden yesterday during the elec-
tions for the National Assembly.
The trouble was instigated by
two officials of the Educational
Bureau and two professors, and an
order for their arrest has been
issued.—Reuter.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of
April 17, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth
2/6 1/8.

Tenders are invited by the
Government for reclaiming ap-
proximately 90 acres of the
Praya East foreshore with materi-
als obtained by cutting down
Morrison Hill, protecting the
area so reclaimed by sea and
quay walls; constructing sewers
and stormwater drains, re-
inforced concrete piers, refuse-
boat pier, retaining walls and
temporary and miscellaneous
works.

GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Report of the General Committee for 1930.

ANXIETIES OF EXCHANGE.

From the annual report of the General Chamber of Commerce we take the following:—

The downward trend in the price of silver, and consequent drop in the value of the Hong Kong dollar, together with the existence of a world-wide trade depression, continued to be the principal anxieties of the local business community during 1930. During the first six months of the year the steady decline in exchange deterred Chinese buyers from entering into fresh commitments, and demand was met, to a large extent, by stocks imported during 1929 and earlier, at more favourable exchange rates. As stocks became exhausted, and exchange, during the second half of the year, remained steady at 1s. 3d. to 1s. 4d., considerable business was put through. Lower prices of raw materials and keen competition amongst suppliers of cotton goods and metals led to a reduction in prices which largely offset the drop in exchange. The advantage which the fall in the value of silver currency was expected to give to export trade was not a fact experienced, because of lack of interest on the part of buying markets abroad, due to depressed industrial conditions and the accumulation of stocks. The slump has also adversely affected China Coastal shipping.

Japanese Competition. Japanese competition still increases in intensity and scope, and has practically driven cheaper lines of British cotton piece-goods from the market. Considerable participation by Chinese mills is now apparent, and increasing competition from that quarter must be reckoned with. The British Economic Mission to the Far East, appointed to enquire into the possibilities of developing British trade in this part of the world, arrived in China and Japan during the period under review, and investigated Hong Kong trading conditions during February, 1931.



"If your doctor said you had only a few days to live, what would you do?"
"Consult another doctor."—
Moustique, Charleroi.

The report of the Mission is awaited with great interest.

The sharp fall in the value of the Hong Kong dollar in recent months has naturally led to discussion of the possibilities of stabilising the currency of the Colony on a gold standard. When asked by the Government for its views, your Committee expressed the opinion that, Hong Kong being commercially part of China, a change from a silver currency would be inadvisable while China remains on a silver standard. The Committee joined with the Committee of the British Chamber of Commerce, Shanghai, in requesting the China Association to make representations to the British Government in favour of international action on the whole question of silver, particularly as affecting China trade and the country's ability to meet its obligations.

Statistics of Trade. The Government department for the compilation of trade statistics resumed operation as from April 1, 1930, trade and shipping returns being published monthly. As distinct from the system previously obtaining, declarations by merchant firms are no longer required to be chopped at the Imports and Exports Office before cargo can be received or delivered for export, but declarations must be made within seven days of presentation of bills of lading; or, for exports, within seven days of sailing. In order that a check may be kept on such declarations by comparison with ships' manifests, shipping companies are required to ascertain the name and address of the consignee, in the case of imports, and of the consignor, in the case of exports, before countersigning or issuing documents of title, this information to be forwarded to the Imports and Exports Office together with manifests.

The above system appears to have worked satisfactorily, except that delay and inconvenience in drawing up returns was experienced as a result of the practice of allowing on one form declarations of imports and exports by different ships, often from several different countries. At the request of the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, members were therefore circulated asking that in future particulars be entered on each declaration of goods imported or exported by one steamer only, to or from one country only. For this purpose, the following were to be considered as separate countries: North China (from Wuchow northwards), Mid-China (Fukien and Swatow), South China (Kwangtung), Wei-hai-wei, Macao and Kwongchow.

Difficulty has also been experienced at the Statistical Office as a result of firms declaring proprietary names of articles, or entering particulars direct from invoices without reference to the Classification List. This list was prepared by various sub-committees of the Chamber, and suggested amendments and additions to the list were recently forwarded by the Chamber for the consideration of the Government. The co-operation of members is requested in instructing clerks responsible for filling in the required declarations, in an intelligent use of the Classification List in order that statistics of trade may be as accurate as possible, and that totals of items from year to year may be comparable.

Merchant Shipping Act. A proposal to bring into force in respect of ships registered in this Colony certain sections of the Merchant Shipping International Labour Conventions Act, 1925, regulating the employment on board ship of persons under the age of eighteen years, was submitted to this Chamber for its views by the Colonial Government on July 14, 1930. The matter was considered by the Shipping Sub-Committee, and it was pointed out that the proposed regulations would not affect ships registered elsewhere and engaging a crew in Hong Kong. A ship registered in London, for instance, would be subject to Board of Trade rules as regards the engagement of crew. The Chamber replied on September 17, stating that no objection was raised to the introduction locally of the sections of the Act under reference, subject to special provision in the matter of river-steamer similar to that adopted in respect of the coastal trade of India and Japan, and incorporated in paragraph (c) of Article 3 of the draft Convention set out in Part II of the First Schedule to the Act. In this connection, the attention of Government was drawn to Section 6 of the Act which provided that an Order in Council might apply the Act to a British Possession subject to modifications and adaptations.

Chinese Language School. The Chamber was fortunate in securing the services, as from May 1, 1930, of the Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E., as Director of the Chinese Language School. Certain alterations in the curriculum of the School were introduced as a result of Mr. Wells' recommendations, with a view to limiting text-book instruction to the first year of study, and specialising during the last year in conversation on commercial subjects. The commercial lessons prepared by the Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce, O.B.E., the first Director of the School, have been revised, and a new series prepared by Mr. Wells. Alteration has also been made in the method of conducting the Preliminary and Intermediate Examinations, which were formerly in writing (a form of Romanised Chinese being used), but which are now mainly oral.

Companies Ordinance: List of Auditors. The Government wrote on September 23, 1930, asking the views of the Chamber on a proposed Bill to amend the provisions of the Companies Ordinance relating to the auditing of English and Chinese accounts. The Companies Amendment Ordinance, 1929, provided for the keeping of a list of authorised auditors in two parts, the first to contain the names of persons authorised to audit accounts kept in English, and the second those authorised to audit accounts kept in Chinese. Under the same Ordinance it was provided that where the accounts of a company were kept in English no person should be appointed auditor unless his name appeared in the first part of the list; and in the case of Chinese accounts, in the second part of the list. The amendment proposed by

Government was to empower the Governor in Council to authorise the inclusion of the same name in both parts of the list, and the opinion of the Chamber was asked as to whether or not as a general rule an Auditor such as a Chartered or Incorporated Accountant, well qualified in every respect except a personal acquaintance with the Chinese language, should be accepted for inclusion in both parts of the list, or whether personal knowledge of the Chinese language as well as of Chinese systems of accounting should be insisted on in the case of candidates for inclusion in the second part of the list. The views of the Legal Sub-Committee having been taken, the Chamber replied that in its opinion the leading accountants have sufficient experience of Chinese systems of accounting to be considered qualified to audit Chinese accounts, and that therefore lists should be open to those considered eligible, irrespective of their knowledge of the Chinese language.

Chamber's Scholarships. As the result of the recommendations of a Special Committee of the Chamber, it was agreed in April, 1930, to continue for another five years the annual grant of \$2,240 for two Chamber of Commerce Scholarships at the University of Hong Kong for students from Yunnan. (These Scholarships were instituted in 1913 with a view to encouraging the study of English in Yunnan, and increasing the influence of two similar scholarships). It was also decided that the possibility of replacing these scholarships with ones competed for in Kwangtung or Kwangsi be discussed prior to the expiry of the new scholarships in 1935. The Special Committee's opinion was that whilst it is in British interests generally that the Yunnan scholarships be continued, it is questionable whether they benefit the direct interests of Hong Kong, as there is little business connection between the two places. Enquiries are being made with a view to the preparation of a list showing where and in what capacity former holders of these scholarships are now employed. In the meantime, two students were awarded Chamber of Commerce Scholarships based on examinations invigilated by H.B.M. Consul at Yunnanfu, and commenced their studies in Hong Kong as from 1st December, 1930.

Hewett Memorial Scholarship. The Hewett Memorial Scholarship, which was first instituted in 1916, was competed for on the basis of the 1929 Matriculation examination, and awarded to Mr. Chow Ho-man, who commenced his studies at the University of Hong Kong at the beginning of 1930.

Typhoon Signals. In September, 1930, the Government asked the Chamber to appoint two representatives to discuss with the Director of the Royal Observatory and representatives of the Kowloon Residents' Association proposals to erect local typhoon signals at Kowloon City Police Station or at some point at the east side of Kowloon Bay. Captain D. Skinner and Captain Johnson, Marine Superintendents of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., and Messrs. Butterfield & Swire respectively, kindly undertook to represent the Chamber, and conclusions reached at the discussions were (a) that it was impracticable to maintain a storm signal station on the east side of Kowloon Bay; (b) that a mast of 30-40 feet erected on Kowloon City Police Station, and carrying day and night local typhoon signals, would meet the needs of the European and Chinese inhabitants of the locality, and the needs of shipping in Kowloon Bay, both mercantile and fishing. In December, however, the Director of the Royal Observatory informed the Chamber that the Director of Public Works had reported that the erection of a typhoon signal mast on the roof of the Kowloon City Police Station was not practicable. A further meeting was arranged between representatives of the Chamber and the Kowloon Residents' Association, and it was decided that a suitable site for the signals would be on the waterfront near the Police Station at Kowloon Tong, a recommendation to this effect being forwarded to the Government. The Government replied on February 13, 1931, regretting that in the present financial position of the Colony it could not recommend the appropriation of funds for the erection of the signal mast.

Sailors' Home and Missions to Seamen. Under the provisions of the Ordinance providing for the incorporation of the Sailors' Home and Missions to Seamen in Hong Kong, the Chamber nominated two trustees of this Corporation. The Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie and Mr. Allan Cameron kindly

accepted the Chamber's invitation to serve in this capacity and were duly nominated and appointed in September, 1930.

Harbour Advisory Board. Messrs. M. T. Johnson and R. Sutherland having resigned from the Harbour Advisory Board on leaving the Colony, the Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie and Mr. T. H. R. Shaw accepted invitations to serve as the nominees of the Chamber on this body, and were duly appointed.

Formation of Trade School Committee.

At a meeting of the General Committee of the Chamber on September 9, the Chairman (the Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie) stated that His Excellency the Governor had discussed with the Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes and himself the formation of a committee to deal with the question of instituting a school for training the sons of local artisans in various crafts. This would be separate from the Technical Institute, which was concerned more with scholarship than actual craftsmanship. An assurance had been given that the Chamber would favour such a school, as it was felt that Hong Kong was lacking in good craftsmanship. The scheme was sponsored by the Government, and the Chamber had been asked to appoint nominees to a Committee which was to be appointed to consider the possibility of instituting such a school.

The Committee agreed that the office of the Chamber and the services of the Secretary be placed at the disposal of the Committee, and it was agreed that Mr. T. H. R. Shaw (Messrs. Butterfield & Swire), Mr. R. M. Dyer (Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.) and Mr. A. S. Mackiehan (Messrs. Leigh and Orange, architects) be nominated to represent the Chamber. The personnel of the Committee was announced in the Government Gazette of October 3, the terms of reference being "to report on the possibility of increasing facilities in the Colony for practical technical education, and the feasibility of establishing a Trade School." The Committee, which consists of the following members, is still carrying out investigations:—

Sir William Hornell, Kt., C.I.E. (Chairman).
The Hon. Dr. Ts'o, Seen-wan, O.B.E., LL.D.
The Director of Education.
Mr. Chau Tsun-nin.
Mr. R. M. Dyer, C.B.E.
Mr. A. S. Mackiehan.
Prof. C. A. Middleton-Smith.
Mr. T. H. R. Shaw.
Membership.

During the year there were nine withdrawals from membership of the Chamber, and the following accessions:—
Mr. C. Champkin.
Messrs. Griffith & Co.
The Pure Cane Molasses Co. (H.K.), Ltd.
The Vulcan International Commercial Bureau.

The election of these members by the Committee requires confirmation at the annual meeting.

Finances of the Chamber. The principal item of income, members' subscriptions: \$33,125, remained at approximately the same amount as in the previous year, but the net receipts from survey and arbitration fees showed a decrease from \$6,374.22 to \$3,077.02. This was due to the fact that considerably less rice than usual was exported by members under the Chamber's certificates. The total income on general account amounted to \$42,444.21, the surplus of income over expenditure being \$1,738.94. Secretarial expenses show an increase of \$2,768.57, on account of the grant of exchange compensation voted by the Committee as from July 1, 1930. The leave and passage reserve has also been increased, on account of the low dollar, from \$1,000 to \$1,500 per annum. An honorarium of \$1,000 was voted in respect of special accountability services in preparing a criticism of the Salaries Commission Report, 1929. The General Reserve Account now stands at \$81,955.65 as compared with \$78,074.80 at the end of 1929.

The Chinese Language School continues to be well supported, and the accounts show a surplus of income over expenditure of \$2,141.91.

\$1,000,000 LIABILITIES

Affairs Of The Byron Steamship Company, Ltd.

At the statutory meetings of creditors and shareholders of Byron Steamship Co., Ltd., of Baltic Exchange Chambers, E.C., at Bankers' Buildings, Carey Street, Mr. H. P. Naughton, Assistant Official Receiver, said the liabilities, including the claim of the bank as mortgagee, were estimated at £1,010,954. The book value of the assets was

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.
To-day—Tea Dance, Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances, Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels and Hotel Cecil.

Entertainments.
To-day—King's Theatre; "Animal Crackers."
To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Strictly Unconventional."
To-day—Central Theatre; "Laughing Lady."
To-day—Majestic Theatre; "The Great Gabbo."

To-day—World Theatre; "Last Performance" and "Hold Your Man."

Lammert's Auctions.
Tuesday—At Sales Room, blackwood and household furniture, 2.30 p.m.
April 23, 24 and 25—At Station Hotel, Kowloon, household furniture, 11.30 a.m.

Land Sales.
April 20—At P.W.D. Offices, two lots of Crown land at Tai Kok Tsui, 3 p.m.

Home Malls.
To-day—Inward from Europe via Negapatam (Haruna Maru); from Europe via Siberia (Hakozaki Maru). Outward for Europe via Siberia (Haruna Maru), 5 p.m. via Marseilles (Hakozaki Maru), 6 p.m.

Meeting.
April 27—Court of University, 6.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.
To-day—Lecture by Mr. B. G. Birch, University, 5.30 p.m.
Sports.
See Sports Diary on Page 9.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

RUTH CHATTERTON ADDS TO LAURELS.

"THE LAUGHING LADY."

The fame which Ruth Chatterton established for herself in "Charming Sinners" and "Madame X" gains added glamour in her newest talkie release, "The Laughing Lady," which was shown in the Central Theatre last night! She is seen and heard as the star of this powerful, human drama played against a background of smart sophistication, with Clive Brook, one of fandom's great favourites, as her leading man. It is the story of a woman who laughs at death, laughs at the irony of fate, laughs at her own breaking heart, but who cannot laugh when the chance comes to ruin the man who had tried to wreck her life, because she finds that she loves him more than she hates him.

"WHOOPEE."

You would expect an Indian's amusements to consist of dyeing eagle feathers or getting in his archery practice. Yet golf is the favourite sport of Chief Capaulcan, the genuine Indian baritone and operatic celebrity who plays the role of Black Eagle in "Whoopee," the Samuel Goldwyn-Florenz Ziegfeld musical triumph, starring Eddie Cantor, which comes to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday. But then Chief Capaulcan is as civilised as his royal birth among the Aurocano Indians should make him in this day and age. He was educated in Paris, takes a prominent part in the sociological activities among the North American members of his race, and has chosen to live in Northampton, Mass., home of such classical institutions as Smith College and Calvin Coolidge.

\$354,274, and they were expected to realise \$149,760.

The company was promoted by Michael Andreass Embricos, and was registered in February, 1916, with a nominal capital of £50,000. He had financed it throughout, and attributed its failure to depression in trade since 1922 (intensified in 1929-30), and to the fact that he was no longer in a position to support it financially.

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- Same as You Used to Do.
- DB315—More Than You Know.
- Without a Song.
- DB284—Memories of Devon.
- One Night Alone With You.
- DB278—Say a Little Prayer for Me.
- Adeleine.
- DB275—Falling in Love Again.
- One Girl.
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Sport Columns

HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE MATCH ARRANGED

Surprise Move by New York Commission.

CARNERA-SHARKEY.

New York, Yesterday. A championship fight has now been arranged between Jack Sharkey and Primo Carnera to take place either in New York or in New Jersey on June 10.

The New York Commission today absolved Carnera from all his sins and received him back into the fold after a year's suspension. His appearances in the ring were previously banned following allegations by Chevalier, one of his negro opponents, that he had been approached before the fight with a proposal that he should lose. It will be recalled that his seconds threw in the towel when Chevalier was not in the least distressed.

The Commission will regard the winner of the Carnera-Sharkey fight as the heavyweight champion of the world, in spite of the Stripling-Schmeling fight which is fixed for July 3.

Meanwhile the Italian Federation yesterday increased the fine imposed on Carnera in November for failing to make an appearance at an exhibition bout in Bologna from £100 to £200. Carnera, however, treats this action with contempt while he is raking in the dollars.—Reuter's American Service.

NEW SWIMMING RECORDS.

Jean Taris Sets Up New Times in Paris.

300 AND 400 METRES.

Paris, Yesterday.

Jean Taris, swimming free style, today established two new world records—the 400 metres and the 300 metres. His time for the 400 metres was 4 mins. 47-2/5 secs., clipping off 2-9/10 secs. from Arne Borg's record of 4:50-2/5 in 1925. In the 300 metres he finished in 3 mins. 33-2/5 secs., beating the former record of Arne Borg (3:33-1/2) in 1926 by 1/10th of a second.—Reuter.

GRECIAN SUCCESS IN DAVIS CUP.

Victory in the First Singles Match.

Athens, Yesterday.

In the first round of the Davis Cup here today Zerkendis (Greece) defeated Artens (Austria) by 1-6, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2, 8-6.

The second match in the singles will be played to-morrow.—Reuter.

WILES OF WALTER HAGEN.

Stories of a Great Golfer.

RESPECT FOR DUNCAN.

We are told that Walter Hagen has announced that he will not enter for the British Open Championship of 1931. Knowing my Hagen, I think it is now long odds on him doing so, and with Bobby Jones definitely retired I imagine such an idea of not playing has never entered his mind, writes C. W. Packford in the Sporting Life.

The great American golfer is one of the most amusing "leg pullers" I have ever met. I remember two seasons ago when he caused consternation among the promoters of a match between him and Archie Compston by a statement that he did not want to play, and would not turn up to do so. The promoters were in a quandary, and all manner of suggestions were advanced by them as to securing a substitute, so cancelling the engagement altogether. At the time I wrote advising them not to be foolish; to wait calmly and patiently and Hagen would be there all right. They wisely did so, and "Little Wally" was on the first tee at the appointed hour, an unusual occurrence for him.

Hagen has spent a life-time "pulling the legs" of governing authorities, committees, and opponents, frequently with signal success to his ill-concealed enjoyment. Take one incident. On the morning of June 3, 1927, at Worcester, Mass., U.S.A., Great Britain and America met in the first official Ryder Cup match. The custom on these occasions is for the rival captains to hand their teams in the order in which they will play, and unknown to the rival combination, to an appointed official. It naturally would be an advantage for a leader to know the composition of the other team, for there are certain players who are the moral victims of others, and to evade these would naturally make all the difference. Ted Ray was our captain on that occasion, and in some way or other Hagen, with that innocent, far-away expression which foretells "danger" to those who know him, he persuaded bluff good-hearted Ted to announce the order in which Great Britain would play before he decided that of his own team. Result: U.S.A. 9 1/2 matches, Great Britain 2 1/2 matches.

Two years later, Walter brought his team to Britain in an attempt to retain the trophy. The match was played at Moortown, Leeds, and on this occasion George Duncan was our leader. Now, if there is one man in the world for whom Hagen has a wholesome respect, and who, not for a moment, would he attempt to intimidate, it is Duncan, and so the contest was conducted in accordance with regulations. Result: Great

Britain 7 matches, U.S.A. 5 matches! This innocent-looking cherubic-faced man, with a glint of humour always in his eyes, once scored tremendously at the expense of one of the finest sportsman-golfers in the country, but who, on important occasions, is temperamental affected by untoward or irritating happenings. In 1926, in a 72-hole match between Hagen and Abe Mitchell—the first half of which was played at Wentworth and the other at St. Georges Hill—the Briton arrived on the first tee for the final 36 holes with an advantage of no fewer than four holes—obviously, to a man like Mitchell, a winning lead. There were no signs of the American anywhere, and it was not until Mitchell had been waiting patiently for some thirty minutes that he arrived, all smiles, with a "Morning Abe, sorry I'm a bit late—lost our way." Mitchell, who had been in a state of nerves during the time, quickly "came back" to his opponent, and eventually was defeated.

Hagen is a cool, calculating fellow who always knows how far he may go. He would not have been late had he been playing Duncan, for I can visualise what would have happened. Directly Hagen was seen approaching, our only victorious Ryder Cup captain would have left the tee for the clubhouse, and possibly have had a Turkish bath, or a special blend of coffee brewed for him. At the bottom of his heart, "Little Wally" is a thoroughly good fellow, and I have always liked him very much indeed. But he is a showman to the last degree, and his poses of innocence or righteous indignation are all part of a big game with him in his very successful career. Hagen travels everywhere with a mammoth bag of clubs, dozens of trunks—on all of which are painted the Stars and Stripes and the words "Walter Hagen, U.S.A."—a valet, and his own caddy. A typical pose of his is as follows:—He will be with a party of friends—for he numbers hundreds of these in this country—on the eve of a championship. Round about ten o'clock he will send for his valet, and make enquiries as to his engagements next day. "You are playing golf, Mr. Hagen," will be the reply, and the many times champion, as if completely surprised, will exclaim: "Golf? Golf?—Oh, yes, of course, I had forgotten all about it." A great fellow, a wonderful golfer, and an inveterate wit, "Mr. Walter Hagen," of the U.S.A., will be with us again all right this season. You see, there is not the menace of that little man from Atlanta on this occasion.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

The Secretary of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club supplies the following list of starting times for Fanling on Sunday:—

9.16 a.m.	Not to be booked by those travelling by train.
9.20	W. W. MacKenzie, G. G. Johnston.
9.24	N. S. Ellis, G. Thomsen.
9.28	A. H. Penn, J. R. Collis.
9.32	W. N. Buyers, W. A. Weight.
9.36	B. D. Evans, D. M. McDougall.
9.40	J. H. Davy, M. N. Cochrane.
9.44	C. Mycock, J. Forbes.
9.48	A. C. I. Bowker, D. F. C. Cleland.
9.52	F. C. Young, J. Nicholson.
9.56	T. Low, R. C. Law.
10.00	I. D. Lennox, J. W. Alabaster.
10.04	J. E. H. Cogan, H. Lowe.
10.08	J. R. Hinton, W. Wright.
10.12	K. K. Rounds, R. Sanger.
10.16	G. Castle, W. Paterson.
10.20	P. S. Grant, J. B. Lanyon.
10.24	N. K. Littlejohn, J. S. Dykes.
10.28	A. Ritchie, R. Young.
10.32	P. Sykes, T. C. Monaghan.
10.36	A. N. Macfadyen, Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
10.40	R. S. W. Paterson, J. G. Campbell.
10.44	A. G. Coppin, S. A. Langston.
10.48	J. H. Balkes, I. C. Hight.
10.52	C. Bounphrey, R. Brown.
10.56	O. Eager, A. D. Humphreys.
11.00	A. H. Ferguson, A. B. Raworth.
11.04	R. W. Taplin, C. B. Terdre.
11.08	W. R. Vallance, D. G. H. Robertson.
11.12	F. H. Crapnell, E. Schmers.
11.16	G. W. Garrett, P. B. Cassidy.
11.20	J. R. Massour, E. J. Munro.
11.24	A. Leach, D. S. Robb.
11.28	A. W. May Edie, H. S. Clippindale.

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Buffalo City, Yesterday. The Legal Adviser has exempted Clayton from taxation on his Gregalach ticket, on the ground that the wealth was acquired from sources outside the State.—Reuter's American Service.

[A message of March 28 stated: The Irish Sweep will benefit the United States by \$40,000 in the form of income tax levied from the winnings of the drawer of the Gregalach ticket.]

OUR FLYWEIGHTS ARE STILL GOOD.

Jimmy Wilde's Title May Come Back.

JACKIE BROWN.

One bright spot there has always been in British boxing; we have never been at a loss for high-class flyweights, among whom the science of boxing counts for more than in any other class, writes H. G. Lewis in the Evening News.

Just now, when we have fewer than half a dozen boxers in all the weights from bantam to heavy who could be matched against the champion of another country, it is a pleasure to see a yardful of really good flyweight contenders scarping among themselves, each good enough to take on flyweights from any part of the world.

In Lancashire they are already talking of Jackie Brown, the present whirlwind champion, as the man who will bring back to Britain before the year is out the world's flyweight title.

Old Age Wins.

We lost it, you will remember, when Jimmy Wilde, greatest of all flyweights, was beaten by old age and Pancho Villa in New York eight years ago. Since that passing of Wilde we have raised some magnificent flyweights, but we have not been fortunate so far as the world's title is concerned.

Elky Clark, a little chunk of Scottish granite, impervious to punishment and with a sledgehammer punch, stepped into Wilde's shoes. He was past his best, however, when he went to America to challenge Fidel la Barba.

That was a tragedy, for Clark lost the use of one eye almost as soon as the fight had started, fought a gallant losing battle for twelve rounds, and came back with his eye so damaged that his career was closed.

Teddy Baldock. The Teddy Baldock era brought British boxing much good publicity and encouragement, but no actual advance. Baldock came to his best when he was just a pound or two over the flyweight limit and consequently he was never flyweight champion.

Still, he was a great boxer, and I imagine that all those who saw the lathy, red-haired boy against Morracchini and others will always retain a vivid impression of him.

We were unlucky over Baldock. Had he been an inch shorter he would certainly have been world's flyweight champion.

The man who followed Elky Clark was that other brilliant Scot, Johnny Hill, with his typically British stand-up-and-box style, wonderful footwork and timing, and solid, scientific punching. Hill's sudden death, when he was at his best as a boxer, robbed us again of a chance of retrieving the world's title.

Three Good Fights. Bert Kirby and Jackie Brown, who fought for the title rendered vacant by Hill's death, have finished their argument by three hard-hitting bouts in which the title changed hands each time.

Brown now remains champion—a worthy link in line of hard-hitting, quick-thinking little men from Jimmy Wilde downwards.

Already Brown's position is being challenged. Johnny King, who is under the same management as the champion, has knocked out Kirby, but is apparently growing out of the weight.

A Liverpool flyweight, Dick Burke, is rising rapidly to the top and is said to have the hardest flyweight punch in England. Jimmy Maharg, a Scot, and Boy Eagle, of Birmingham, are among a number of other brilliant flyweights.

This month Jackie Brown is to meet the European flyweight champion, Lucian Popesco of Roumania, and afterwards, it is hoped, a world's title match may be arranged in this country.

Should Win.

From the record of the Roumanian, Brown ought to have little difficulty in beating him. Popesco, a boy of 19, has fought all his fights except one in Bucharest, and has only two knock-out victories to his credit since he began his career.

But one can foresee trouble when the time arrives to make a match for the world's championship. Frankie Genaro and Midget Wolgast, both Americans, fought for the vacant title last December—and fought a draw.

As one might expect the two rival American authorities seized this opportunity to flout each other. The National Boxing Association recognised Genaro and the New York Boxing Commission nominated Wolgast.

Covered Both Ways.

If Jackie Brown managed to beat one, it is quite obvious from past experience that America would then claim the title for the other.

Genaro, a fine little fighter, must now be near the end of his career. He is 29 and has been boxing over ten years. We remember him chiefly for his great displays in winning the Olympic Games title in 1920, and since then he has been flyweight champion, lost the world's title to Pancho Villa, claimed it again on Villa's death, lost it to Fidel la Barba in 1925, and now shares it with Wolgast.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL

LAWN TENNIS—To-day—H.K.C.C. Tournament.
CHESS—To-day—Kowloon Chess Club Junior Championship.

B. Soltan v. T. G. Stokes.
H. Bush v. M. Tague.
A. J. Birukoff v. R. B. Jackson.
Paul v. N. da Silva.

FOOTBALL—To-morrow—Sunday Herald Charity Cup Final—Scotland v. China; Division I—Navy v. Recreation at the Stadium ground, Borderers v. Police at Kowloon at 4.30 p.m.; Division II—University v. Eastern on Club ground at 2.30 p.m.

RACING—To-morrow—Third Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

LAWN BOWLS—May 2—Opening of League Season.
May 9—Entries close for Open Singles Championship.

HOME.
FOOTBALL—April 25—English Cup Final, Wembley.
GOLF—April 20-24—English Amateur Championship.
April 25 and 26—Professional Tournament, Torquay.
April 27—Army Championship, Sandwich.

RACING—April 29—Two Thousand Guineas.

FRENCH RUGBY DISCLOSURE.

Offer Made to Welsh Scrum Half.

PROPOSAL REFUSED.

Paris. The arm of the French Rugby Federation is being raised to point an accusing finger at the professionals of the South; the protégés of "butchers, bakers and candlestick-makers."

Professionalism is to be made the final object of the Federation's offensive, not merely the setting of a little household quarrel which has now almost blown over.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London	117%
Bank, wire	117%
Bank, on demand	117%
Bank, 4 months' sight	11 15/16
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/— 9/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/— 13/16
On demand	612 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	652 1/2
On New York	24
On demand	25 1/4
On Hongkong	66 1/2
On demand	66 1/2
Wire	66 1/2
On demand	66 1/2
On demand	42 1/4
On demand	48 1/4
On demand	Tls. 77 1/4
Dollar	4 1/2% dis.
On demand	48 1/4
Sovereigns (Bank)	1/— 1/2
Silver (per oz.)	13 1/4
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	Nominal
Copper Cash	Nominal
Copper Cents	3% prem.
Rate of Native Interest	3 1/2% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	23 1/4% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	Par

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.	
Paris	124.26 1/2
New York	4.85 29/32
Brussels	34.95
Geneva	25.22
Amsterdam	12.10 1/2
Milan	92.79 1/2
Berlin	20.40 1/2
Stockholm	18.15
Copenhagen	18.16 1/2
Oslo	18.17
Vienna	34.54 1/2
Prague	164 1/4
Helsingfors	193 1/4
Madrid	47.45
Lisbon	108.25
Athens	375
Bucharest	817
Rio	?
Buenos Aires	38%
Montevideo	32%
Bombay	1/5 13/16
Shanghai	1/3 1/4
Hong Kong	11%
Yokohama	2/— 13/32
Silver Spot	13%
Silver Forward	13%

"We must not hesitate before duty and responsibility," says the French vice-president, M. Rigaud. "We shall get to work speedily and we shall succeed."

Professionalism is the canker which is eating the heart out of French Rugby, and the Federation is to make an example in flagrant cases. The Ager team is to answer the charge of being recruited by a tradesman for advertisement purposes.

French clubs were not satisfied with professionalising themselves. They made an effort to professionalise W. C. Powell, the Welsh scrum-half.

After seeing Powell play in Paris last April, members of a prominent club are said to have offered him 50,000 francs (£400) if he would turn out for them. Powell, of course, would not entertain the idea.

The Welsh Rugby Union (says the Ager) has been asked to furnish information on the subject. Drastic measures will be taken if the French club is found guilty. "We shall be merciless," declared one of the delegates of the Commission appointed by the French Federation.

These two specific instances are to be taken up and prosecuted with vigour by the French Federation, and it will surprise France if they do not lead to a sensational exposure of the corruptness of the French game.

The French Federation is not only hunting for professionals, but cases of rough play are affording it opportunities for dealing out severe punishment.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 17th April, 1931.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sett.	Mon.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	2035	Dec.	(Final 40 cents for 1930) Mar. 31
Chartered Bank	151	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Mar. 31
Mercantile Bk., Ltd.	14	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Apr. 31
Bank of Asia	121	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Feb. 28, 31
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	1400	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) May 10, 30
Union Ins.	635	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) May 20, 30
*China Underwriters	34	Dec.	None
China Fire Ins.	625	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) May 20, 30
H. K. Fire Ins.	1900	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Mar. 20, 31
Shipping.						
Douglas	21	Dec.	Last dividend for 1930 Mar. 4, 30
H. K. Steamships	204	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) June 10, 30
Indo-China (Pref.)	40	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Jan. 5, 31
Shell Transport	60	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Mar. 1, 31
Union Waterways	354	Dec.	...
Mining.						
Benguet	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Mar. 31, 31
Kailash Mining Ad.	3179	June	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Dec. 20, 30
Langkat	84	Oct.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) May 8, 30
*S'hai Exploration	1,200	Dec.	None
*Loans	382	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Feb. 6, 31
Venezuela Gold Fields	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Mar. 16, 31
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & W. Docks	1624	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Mar. 10, 31
H. K. & W. Docks	254	Dec.	Last dividend for 1930
South Ch. Motors	10	...	...
*China Provident (old)	2,35	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) April 8, 31
(new)	2,40	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Sep. 12, 30
Hongkew	300	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Mar. 4, 31
N. Engineering	61	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) July 30, 30
Shanghai Docks	113	Apr.	...
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
*H. K. Hotels (C.R.)	144	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Apr. 10, 31
(Rights)	3,40	...	...
H. K. Lands	84	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Feb. 10, 31
Shanghai Lands	12	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Mar. 10, 31
Humphreys (Cum Rs.)	161	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Feb. 10, 31
" Rights	28	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Apr. 10, 31
H. K. Realities	11,00	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) July 10, 30
Chinese Estates	00	Feb.	...
Cotton Mills.						
*Ewo Cotton	144	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Mar. 10, 31
Shanghai Cotton	107	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Nov. 20, 30
Zoong Sing	11,60	June	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Oct. 11, 30
Public Utilities.						
*H. K. Tramways	17,80	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Feb. 10, 31
Peak Tram (old)	144	Apr.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) June 10, 30
(new)	84	...	...
Star Ferry	994	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Feb. 10, 31
*China Light	25,30	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Dec. 10, 30
H. K. Electric	784	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Mar. 10, 31
Macao	28	Dec.	...
Sandakan Lights	12	June	None
H. K. Tels. fully paid	54	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Mar. 11, 31
" part paid	44 1/2	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Feb. 10, 30
China Buses	16,20	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Feb. 10, 31
S'pore Traction (Ord.)	93	Sept.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Feb. 10, 31
" (Pref.)	150	...	...
Industrials.						
China Sugar	80 cts	...	In Liquidation
Malayan Sugar	30	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Mar. 4, 31
Cald. Macg. Ord.	14	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Apr. 10, 30
" Pref.	104	...	...
Canton Ice	34	July	None
*Cement (com.)	18,00	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Mar. 10, 31
(old)	12	...	...
(new)	8,15	...	...
H. K. Ropes	15 1/2	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Mar. 27, 31
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farms	204	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Mar. 10, 31
Watsons	12,40	Oct.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Mar. 10, 31
Der A Wings	1	...	...
Lanc. Crawfords	54	Feb.	Last dividend for year 25-26
Mackintosh	20	Feb.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) May 10, 30
Sincere	194	Feb.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) June 10, 30
Win. Powells	2,85	...	...
Miscellaneous.						
H. K. Amusement (old)	27 1/2	Mar.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Sept. 20, 30
(new)	24	...	...
Ch. Entertainment	13,00	...	...
H. K. Constructions	16,80	Dec.	(Final 10 cents for 1930) Pending
B. Ind. G.S. Bonds	60%	...	...
H. K. Govt. Loans	8%	...	Interest half yearly

*Speculative shares. *Sales to Shanghai.

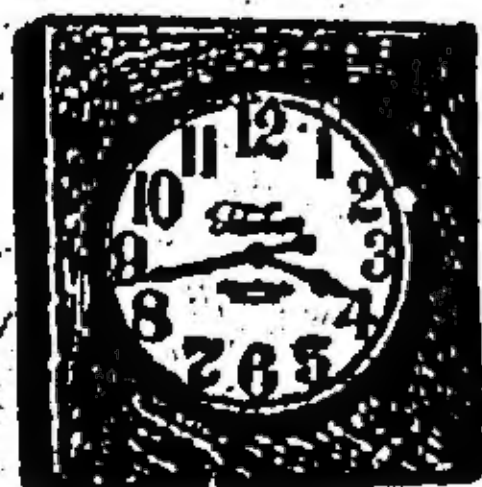
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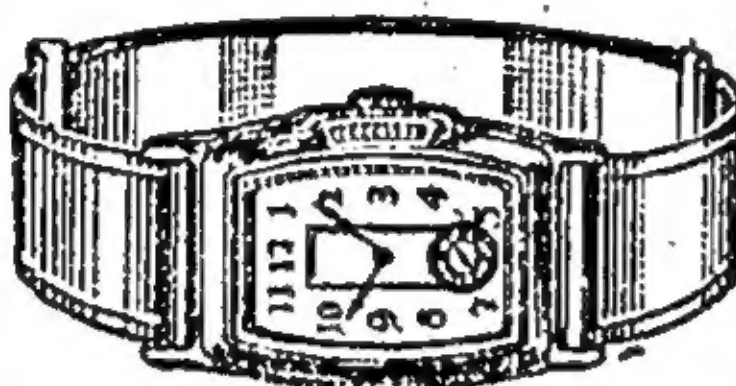
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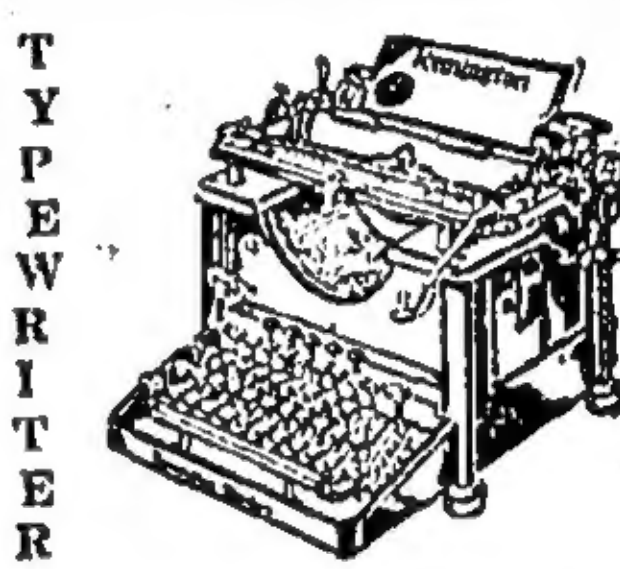
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CENSUS OF 1931.

PRELIMINARY REPORT FOR HONG KONG.

The Census of the Colony was
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The preliminary Census com-
menced on February 19 and con-
tinued up to the Census Day. The
revision of the work done during
that fortnight and the actual Cen-
sus was carried out on the morn-
ing of Sunday, March 8.

Reports received from the Chief
Enumerators were on the whole
favourable and showed that the
work on the preliminary census
was fairly well done; the revision
was carried out as quickly as
could be expected and the returns
were, with few exceptions, re-
ceived at the Census Office in the
course of a few days.

The date fixed for the Census
was satisfactory. It was, how-
ever, only 18 days after China New
Year and it might have been bet-
ter to have waited another week
or fortnight. The returns from
the Harbour Office and from the
Railway show, however, that
while the balance of emigration
over immigration was about 11,000
during the two weeks ended Feb-
ruary 28, in the following week end-
ing on Census Day there was a
balance inward of over 7,500 per-
sons. The bulk, therefore, of
those who had left for the China
New Year holiday had probably
returned.

The Census of the floating popu-
lation was taken on two days,
March 7 and 8, under the super-
vision of the Chief Junk Inspec-
tor, and of Police Officers in
charge of launches for outlying
areas.

The following table has been
prepared from the totals in the
Enumerators' Summary Books as
regards Hong Kong, Kowloon and
New Territories and from a rapid
counting of the entries in the
forms for the New Territories and
floating population where Sum-
mary Books were not used.

The figures must be taken as a
close approximation only.

	1921	1931
Island of Hong Kong	221,085	254,947
Kowloon & New Kowloon	74,088	144,848
New Territories	41,767	83,183
Floating population	45,307	27,659
Totals	382,247	416,597

Two comments only need be
made at this stage.

1. The population of the Island
of Hong Kong has increased by
77,000 only, a smaller increase
than that which took place in the
previous decade; the population

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adays, suggesting as they do a
veritable "magic carpet" of
super-speed holiday travel, are
the new Summer time-tables of
the airway lines of Europe.

At an international conference
which has just completed its
labours, the experts of 20 Euro-
pean air-lines have been putting
finishing touches to their time-
tables for the coming Summer,
paying special attention to the
facilities now required by travel-
lers who make aerial journeys
from one country to another, fly-
ing in the aeroplanes of several
connecting air-lines. The main
airways of Europe are, indeed,
through increasingly cordial co-
operation, now in process of be-
coming dovetailed into one
smooth, accurately-working sys-
tem, connections being provided,
at airway junctions, which en-
able passengers to transfer from
one line to another without the
slightest inconvenience or delay.

Higher speeds, with more
luxury in equipment and a great-
er silence in flight are, together
with the inauguration of new
long-distance routes, to be fea-
tures of the airway season of
1931.

A fresh era in passenger flying
will be opened up by the intro-
duction by Imperial Airways on
European and Empire routes, of
a fleet of giant 38-passenger
machines. In the saloons of
these "liners of the air" will be a
luxury it has been impossible to
provide hitherto in passenger air-
craft while the four engines of
the machines, driving them at a
cruising speed of 105 miles an
hour, will enable a quarter-of-an-
hour to be saved on the aerial
time-table between London and
Paris, the flight from Croydon to
Le Bourget being scheduled to

occupy only 2 1/4 hours, as com-
pared with 2 1/2 hours hitherto.

Urgent Appointments.

Thanks to the speed of the
modern airway, women who are
on shopping expeditions, or busi-
ness men who have urgent ap-
pointments, can, with a short
period return air ticket, fly in
the morning from London to
Paris, have plenty of time in the
French capital for matters in
hand, and then fly back again to
London in time for dinner that
same evening. The same can
also be done in connection with
cities like Brussels, Antwerp, or
Amsterdam.

As for destinations farther
afield, it is now possible to enter
one of the big air expresses at
the London air-station in the
morning and fly, in a single day,
to cities as far-distant as Berlin,
Zurich, Prague, and Malmo
(Sweden).

A special feature of this Sum-
mer's air programmes will be
holiday services from London to
Belgian seaside playgrounds.
Fast popular air services will be
flown throughout the season to
Le Touquet and to Switzerland,
with connections to the Mediter-
ranean. Special day air excu-
sions will also be operated on the
London-Paris route for events
such as the Derby or Grand Prix.

Great business cities on the
Rhine, and throughout Central
and Southern Germany, will be
brought within a few hours of
London by the Imperial Airways
Armstrong - Siddeley "Argosy"
air-liners operating between Lon-
don, Brussels, and Cologne, con-
necting at the last-named city
with a network of air routes to
all parts of Central and Southern
Europe.

Useful Combination.

By a combined use of aero-
plane, flying-boat, and train, it
will be possible to reach Malta
from London in 35 hours as
compared with four days by sur-
face transport.

In addition to the 5,000 miles
air-mail from England to India,
on which as many as 40,000
letters are carried weekly,
Imperial Airways are now
operating, also on a weekly basis,
a new air-mail of 5,114 miles be-
tween England and Central
Africa, reducing to nine days'
journeys which by surface trans-
port occupy more than 20 days.
During the Summer this great
airway will continue from Cen-
tral to Southern Africa, bringing
Capetown within 11 days of Lon-
don, and giving Imperial Airways
the distinction of operating, with
large multi-engined aeroplanes
and flying-boats, approximately

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will
be broadcast to-day from the
Hong Kong Broadcasting Station
Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 360
metres.

7.03-7.45 p.m.—Variety.

Band—
Iowa Corn Song,
American Legion Official
Band (20259).

Song—
Dixie, Mary Lewis, Soprano
(1345).

Chorus—
Happiness Boys Going Abroad,
Happiness Boys in London,
The Happiness Boys (22401).

(This Record is by special request.)
Piano-Accordion Solo—
Italian Spanish Favourites,
Mario Perry (20249).

Quartet—
Golden Slippers,
Heaven Song,
Tuskegee Quartet (20843).

Instrumental—
Her Name Was Hula Lou,
Carolina Tar Heels (20545).

Song—
Moonbeams,
Richard Crooks, Tenor (1371).

Male Quartet—
Bells of Hawaii,
Four Aristocrats (20587).

Chorus—
Hallelujah,
The Revellers (20609).

7.45-8.15 p.m.—Orchestral.

8 p.m.—Weather Report, Local
Time, etc.

Minuet in G (Paderewski-Wright),
Amarrills (Ghys-Seredy),
Victor Salon Orchestra
(20199).

Love Everlasting (Cushing-Frml),
In the Days Gone by
(Emmerich Kaiman),
Victor Salon Orchestra
(20188).

Serenade (Mozzart),
Narcissus (Nevin),
Charles Kellogg and the
Victor Orchestra
(20188).

8.15-9 p.m.—From the Studio—
Violin Recital by Mr. J. Brags.

1. Caprice (Gluck-Saint Saens),
Harold Bauer (5540).

2. Brindisi Waltz (Alard),
Tuskegee Quartet (20843).

3. Gavotte (Gossec),
Mr. John V. Brags.

4. Improvisi in A Flat (Schubert),
Ignace Jan Paderewski
(6028).

5. Elegie (Massenet),
Waltz (Brahms-Kremler),
Traumeries (Schumann),
Mr. John V. Brags.

6. Album Leaf (Grieg),
Caprice (Brahms),
Harold Bauer (1412).

9.45-10 p.m.—
Symphony No. 8 in E Flat Major
(Beethoven),
Symphony Orchestra con-
ducted by Albert Coates
(20).

10.15-10.30 p.m.—Organ Solos.

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Ting-a-ling, Jesse Crawford (20261).

Stars are the Windows of Heaven,
Mendow Lark, Jesse Crawford (20264).

Hello Aloha—How Are You?
Barcelona, Jesse Crawford (20265).

10.06-10.30 p.m.—Concert Items:

Song—
The Nightingale and the Rose,
Rosa Ponselle, Soprano
(1456).

Xylophone Solo—
Mighty Lak' a Rose (Nevin),
Sam Herman (20558).

Male Chorus—
Volga Boat Song,
Russian Symphonic Choir
(20309).

Piano Solo—
Tango (Albeniz),
Searing (Schumann),
Wilhelm Buchaus (1445).

Song—
My Lovely Celia,
Reinold Werrenrath, Baritone
(1443).

God Save The King,
10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

ETON TUCK SHOP AS
"SOCK SHOP."

A Judge Learns What
Things It Supplies.

EVEN JEWELLERY.

Modern Etonians have a new
name for their famous Tuck Shop,
so Mr. Justice Roche was told in
the King's Bench Division.

They are calling it the "Sock
Shop" now.

Mr. Justice Roche was consider-
ing the position of people employ-
ed by the association that runs the
Tuck Shop and supplies goods of
various kinds to the College.

The matter came up on a re-
ference under the Unemployment
Insurance Act by the Ministry of
Labour and Eton School Stores in
order to determine whether Henry
Joseph Parker, a foreman baker;
Thomas Henry Bampton, a round-
man, who distributes bread; Alice
Grace Mitchell, a laundry ironer;
and Thomas Addaway, a carman,
were domestic servants, and there-
fore not insurable under the Unem-
ployment Insurance Act, or
whether they ought to be insured.

"Tuck School Trustees."

Mr. C. W. Lilley, for the Minis-
try of Labour, said Eton School
Stores had absorbed a number of
concerns which previously cat-
tered for Eton College. He did not sug-
gest that they were run for gain,
but they were rather a large con-
cern. They even supplied boots
and shoes.

Mr. Justice Roche: I thought it
was the tuck shop.

Mr. Lilley: They do that as
well, but they call it the Sock Shop



A scene from 'Whoopee' starring Eddie Cantor

Which is coming on Sunday to the Queen's.

AIDED ARREST OF SON.

"Would Not See Him Turn
Thief."

Rather than see her son John be-
come a Chicago gangster, Mrs.
Mabel Murray has denounced him to
the police as a thief. The young
man's sweetheart, Miss Doris
Bloom, aged 17, helped in his be-
trayal.

"He is all I have in the world, but
I would rather see him dead than
a crook," said Mrs. Murray.

His sweetheart had kept her lover
indoors while the elder woman went
to the telephone to fetch the police.

"I would do it again," she said, "I
wasn't going to see him turn thief."

James Murray and Doris were
to have been married at Christmas,
but he lost his job and postponed
the wedding.

His mother suspected him of
taking part in a number of local
robberies and when he announced he
was going to Chicago with a couple
of bad characters she decided it was
time to put him under restraint.

At the moment Jimmy's fate is
undecided, but from a cell in the
local gaol he has announced that he
has forgiven his mother and sweet-
heart for their drastic action.

at Eton now. (Laughter.)

The stores, continued Mr. Lilley,
catered for the "tween school
tastes" of the boys, as well as
supplying more solid sustenance to
the houses. Among the things
they supplied were bats, athletic
goods, watches and jewellery, and
fountain-pens, besides running re-
freshment rooms for the exclusive
use of the boys.</

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LANCASHIRE BOWS TO JAPAN.

Source of Imported Piece Goods.

CHINA'S COMPETITION.

London, Yesterday.
The conclusions of the Cotton Mission read uncommonly like the findings of a coroner's jury, says the Manchester Guardian, which points out that Japan has definitely replaced Lancashire as the principal source of imported piecegoods, and there is nothing to show that competition with Japanese and Chinese mills will not become still more crushing.

The proposals for establishing a large merchandising organisation have been advocated in Manchester for several years; nevertheless, the greatest value of the report will be to drive home plain but uncomfortable truths, and reluctant industry may at length be driven to action.—Reuter.

RAILWAY FARES.

NEW TIME TABLE FROM MAY 1.

FARES INCREASED.

Canton, Yesterday.
According to Dr. Hsieh Pao-chao, Director of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, who on Wednesday afternoon gave a reception to representatives of the different newspapers and news agencies, the old sleepers on the line have been replaced by new sleepers at important points, so that the Railway Administration is able to state definitely that beginning from May 1, the following time table will be in force:

Up Train.
Dept. Canton 7.50 a.m. Arr. Kowloon 11.12 a.m.
Dept. Canton 4.15 p.m. Arr. Kowloon 7.39 p.m.

Down Train.
Dept. Kowloon 8.05 a.m. Arr. Canton 11.32 a.m.
Dept. Kowloon 4.02 p.m. Arr. Canton 7.20 p.m.

According to the above schedule the train will take 3 hours, and 22 minutes compared with the present time of 4 hours and 35 minutes.

Owing to the high gold exchange, the price of railway materials and reason is given for the increase of fares as follows, in Canton currency:

1st. Class \$6, 2nd Class \$3.40, 3rd Class \$1.40.

Mr. Hsieh in the course of his address emphasised the safety of the line and the due protection being extended to it by the military authorities. He further added that attention will be given to the comfort of the travelling public.—Canton News Agency.

ILLEGAL BOARDING.

CHINESE BOARDING HOUSE RUNNERS FINED.

Before the Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (retired), in the Marine Court this morning, Lance-Sergeant Wilcox, of the Water Police, charged five Chinese boarding house runners with boarding the s.s. Tyndarus without the permission of the master of the ship.
The accused got alongside the ship in boats and clambered on board whilst she was still moving toward the A5 buoy. They were "collected" by the Police launch and taken to the Water Police Station, where three were allowed out on bail of \$75 each.
When the case was called this

KONGMOON NOTES.

VISIT OF DIRECTOR OF RECONSTRUCTION.

REMOVAL OF MAGISTRACY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Kongmoon, Wednesday.

Chairman Chan Ming-shu and the Director of Reconstruction, Tang Yin-wah, of the Canton Government, passed through Kongmoon on an inspection tour of the districts of Shun Tak, San Wui, Hokshan, Sunning, Hoiping, Sam Shui, Ko Yiu, Tak Hing and Tung Koon. The trip will take them a fortnight.

They arrived here from Shun Tak in a Chinese gunboat on April 13, and were warmly received by

STOP PRESS

Paris, Yesterday.
More ovations are inevitable before the reunited monarchs are permitted to have a tete-a-tete and to exchange news of the past exhausting hours. Tremendous crowds surrounded the hotel and cheered until ex-King Alfonso appeared in the gallery. They became delirious when the Queen appeared by her husband's side.—Reuter.

the San Wui magistrate and the citizens. With the exception of an appeal to the Chairman by the citizens to remove the magistracy back to San Wui City, there was nothing of importance in their visit.

Proposed Port.

The magistrate consulted with the Chairman to remove the magistracy to Kongchow, the proposed port for the last 20 years. The former thinks that he could convert the port into a prosperous business centre just the same as the Chung Shan magistrate, who removed the magistracy to Tong Kah Wan.

They left yesterday for Kung-yick and will proceed to Sunning by rail.

ANCIENT RELICS.

INTERESTING FINDS IN HONAN.

Nanking, Yesterday.
It is reported that another valuable haul of ancient relics has been unearthed at Anchang, in Honan.

The finds include animal bones, pottery, copper arrow-heads and ivory ornaments, believed to have been left by a royal family of the Shang dynasty, which flourished about the fourteenth century B.C.—Reuter.

morning, all the accused were present and pleaded "guilty."

Other Convictions.

Sub-inspector Munro produced records of previous convictions for similar offences a year ago against the two men who were held in custody and they admitted it. The Magistrate fined these two men \$20 or two weeks' jail each and the other three were fined \$10 each or one week's hard labour in default.

BELGIAN PRIEST MURDERED.

Terrible Fate of a Missionary.
BODY RECOVERED.

Hankow, Yesterday.
It is reported that the Belgian priest, Father Maryn Acons, who was seized by Hupeh Communists recently, has been murdered. His body was discovered on the river bank near Patung.—Reuter.
[A Hankow message of April 14 stated:
It is just learned that when a body of Communists on April 4 captured and looted Patung, on the Yangtze, 70 miles above Ichang, they took prisoner Father Maryn Acons, a Belgian missionary. Father Acons was tied up and beaten and otherwise ill-treated, and is still in captivity.]

CHANGE OF POLICY.

U.S. ATTITUDE TO NICARAGUA.

FUTURE ACTION.

New York, Yesterday.
The present rising in Nicaragua, and the loss of American lives there, is drawing attention to a great change of policy in respect of Nicaragua and Latin America generally, by the Hoover administration, which seems determined to make it plain that American business men must entrust themselves to the laws of foreign countries, and be less ready to appeal for American intervention.

It was under the Coolidge administration that American intervention reached its height.

After consultation with the State and Navy Departments, the United States Government has decided that in future armed force will be employed in the Caribbean with marked circumspection, states the Washington correspondent of the Herald-Tribune. It is believed that this policy will have far-reaching importance so far as the relations between the United States and Central America are concerned.

American military strength will be used to protect American lives, but will not be involved in campaigns to protect American property, although specific instances and changing circumstances will alter the line of official action. Nicaragua, or any other Central American country, will be asked to bear the full responsibility for maintaining order.—Reuter's American Service.

C.E.R. CONFERENCE.

PURCHASE OF RUSSIAN INTERESTS.

SOVIET IN AGREEMENT.

Nanking, Yesterday.
An official telegram from Moh Teh-hui states that the Sino-Soviet conference at Moscow resumed on April 11, when a Chinese proposal for the redemption of the Chinese Eastern Railway was presented to M. Karakhan, who submitted counter proposals.

Karakhan signified his agreement in principle with the purchase of the Russian interests in the C.E.R.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to hold another meeting on April 21 to discuss procedure and the price of the redemption; meanwhile the proposals exchanged by the two parties are being carefully studied.—Reuter.

AMUSEMENTS

AT THE **QUEEN'S** TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW
At 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.20.

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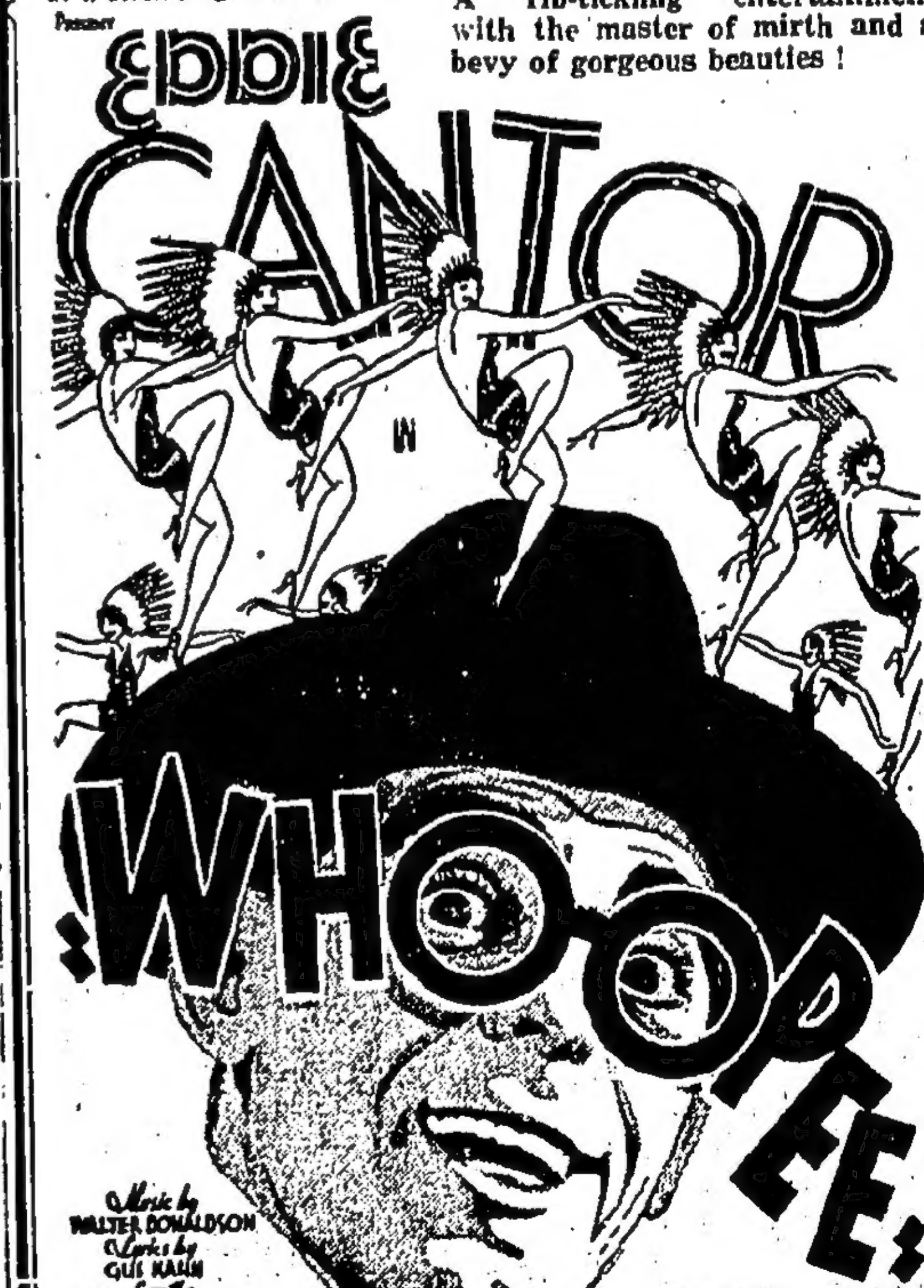


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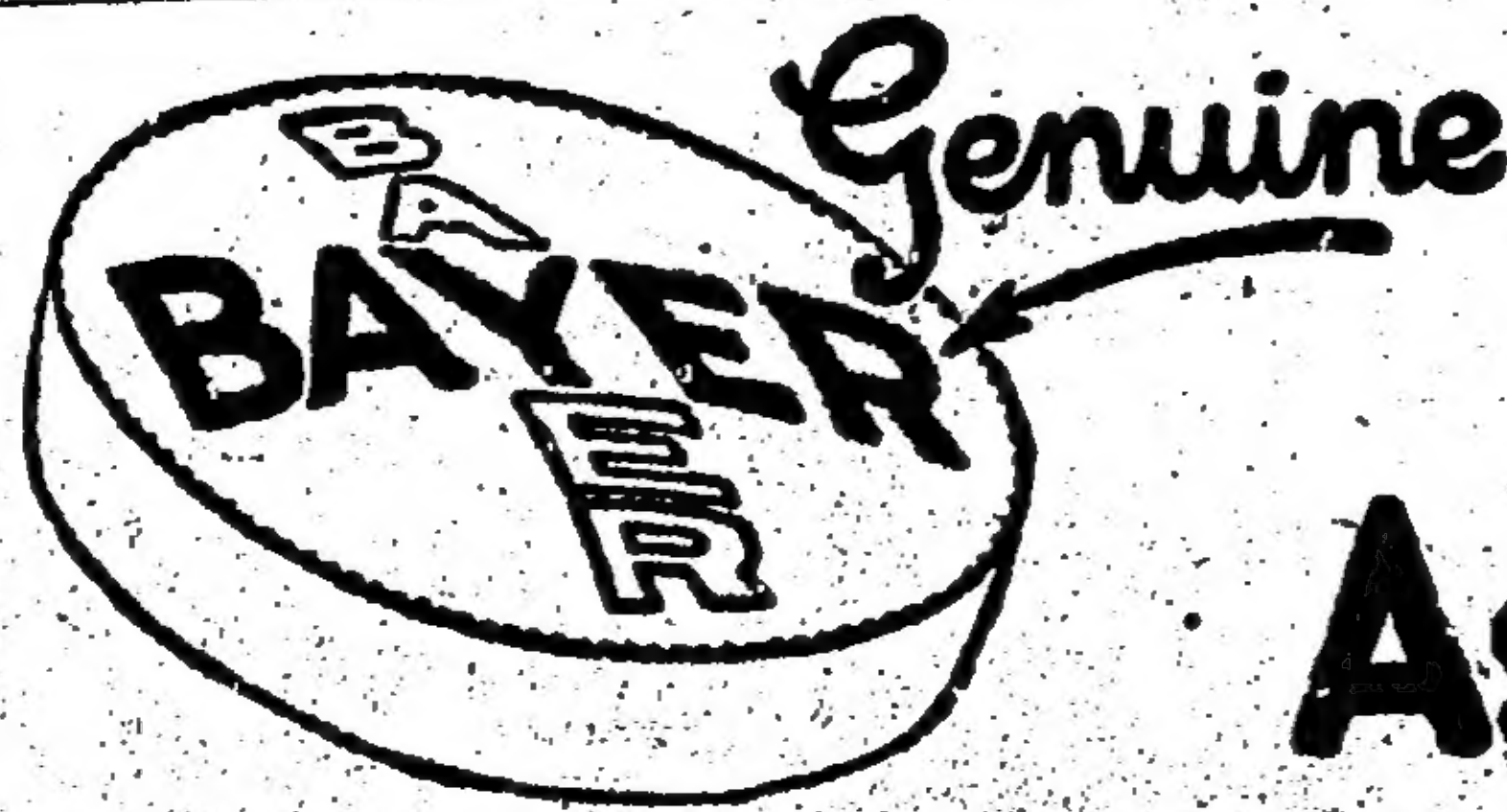


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